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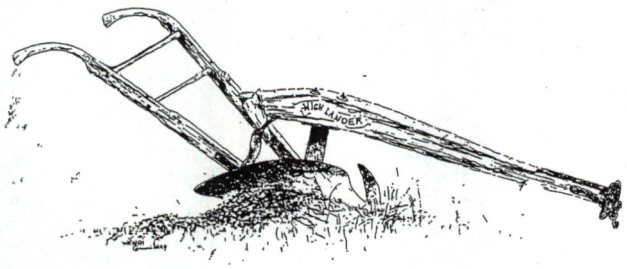

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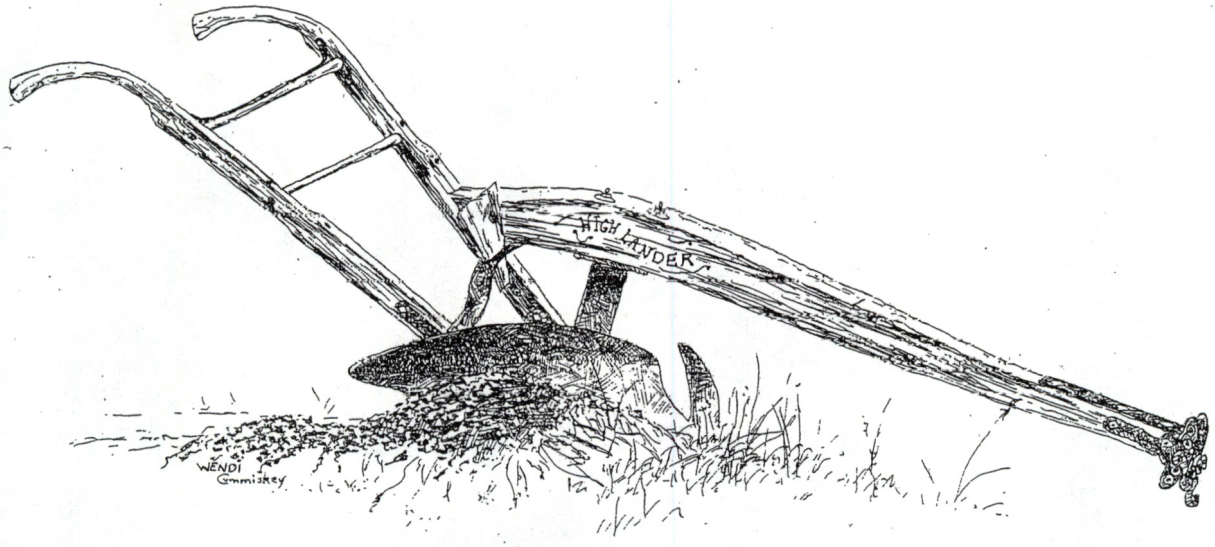

Preface

Naperville has a rich heritage pertaining to the farmers in the area, past and present.

We commemorate those hardy men and women, who worked so hard to bring Naperville from a prairie wilderness to a thriving city.

This collection of 150 Family Histories and 70 photographs are but a sampling of the farm families who made contributions to the "Farmers' monument" on the Quarry Riverwalk.

These histories date from the early 1800's to the present, as some families are still actively engaged in tilling the soil.

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Arthur W. & Helen H. Abbott

Arthur William Abbott was born and raised in the City of Chicago. He was born on March 21, 1890 and was the son of William Lamont and Caroline Entwhistle Abbott. All of the summers from 1898 to 1905 were spent on the farms of the Abbott, Entwhistle and Odlin relatives near Union Grove, Whiteside County, Illinois, where he developed a great love for farms and livestock-horses in particular.

In June, 1906, he made the discovery he was very carefully being reared for the engineering profession-the electrical utility business in particular, in which his father was involved. However, he rearranged the plans and graduated from the University of Illinois with the class of 1912 in the College of Agriculture.

After graduation he set about the task of developing and operating the four sections (2560) acres of wild land which his father and uncle had bought in Clark County, Wisconsin (Fairchild) some years before. It was cut over white pine land and tamarack swamp. After a year of working this land he realized there was no future in this work and life style.

As a result of a contact with his former roommate and fraternity brother, Arthur Greene, whose family lived on a large dairy farm on Hobson Road, he purchased a nearby farm from William Dailey. His farm was 210 acres bounded by 63rd Street on the north, route #53 on the west and Hobson Road on the south.

At 3:30 a.m. on March 15, 1914 his Arms Palace Horse Car was set out on the switch at the Lisle stockyard. He had made the two day trip from Fairchild, Wisconsin in the company of 8 horses, 4 cows, 3 pigs and a collie pup. This trip is described in detail in his autobiography. Upon arriving he telephoned Spencer Greene, who had made arrangements with Collins Goodrich and the two Dieters to give him a hand in getting the stock to the farm. The next four weeks were very busy ones, getting shaken down, fixing up his house, buying cows and seed, and getting machinery set up and ready to go.

He was something of a curiosity because he did not have a wife. On June 24, 1914 he took care of that situation by marrying Helen Amanda Hood at a ceremony performed by her brother, Rev. William F. Hood, at Christ Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Helen Hood lived in Fairchild and had graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. She had prepared to teach Latin and German. After graduation, however, she had returned home to care for her mother who was very ill and died six months before she married Arthur Abbott. Arthur used to say he was married between corn planting and hay making.

A new three story colonial house was built at Broadlawn Farm and Arthur and Helen moved into it in the Spring of 1915. Five children were born in this house—William Lamont Abbott, II on December 31, 1915; Margaret and John Hood Abbott on October 9, 1920; James Arthur Abbott on June 28, 1922 and Ruthanne Abbott on June 10, 1925.

After war was declared in 1917, Arthur reported for duty at Camp Dodge, Iowa on December 17, 1917. He was commissioned a 1st Lt. of Infantry, O.R.C. and was assigned to the 42nd Infantry Regiment of the Regular Army. He had rented his farm to Daniel Stiefbold from Naperville. Arthur was discharged from the Army on April 5, 1919 and returned to Broadlawn Farm. Daniel Stiefbold moved to a farm in Wheatland Township, southwest of Naperville.

During his years of farming an outstanding herd of registered Holstein cattle was developed. It was unique in that no outside female animals were added to the herd. He shipped his milk all those years to the Chicago Grade A market. After graduating from high school, his son John joined in the farming operation and management of the dairy herd. By 1950 the tax load on the farm and the inevitability of having to give in to the outward march of the City of Chicago, convinced John and Arthur that the time had come to move the farming operation "out of the city" and on March 1, 1950, John moved the dairy herd and the farm machinery to a rented farm near St. Charles in Kane County.

Following John's move to St. Charles and until the farm was sold, he continued the farming operation at Broadlawn by means of hiring major work, such as plowing, planting and harvesting done on a custom basis by local people, and by doing some of it himself. In some years he leased out the land, or sold crops such as hay, and even grain crops "in the field" to be harvested by the purchaser.

After the dairy herd left Broadlawn, he became involved in the beef cattle business. He maintained about 25 Aberdeen Angus heifers who kept the grass mowed and at the same time produced a calf crop that was sold off each Fall as feeders, and provided him with something to be concerned about. All in all it was a profitable sideline, and at the same time served one of his lifelong interests, animal husbandry.

Several major setbacks occurred during the 48 years he farmed at Broadlawn, but each time he managed to recover. Early on the morning of February 18, 1941 the big house at Broadlawn Farm was

completely destroyed by fire. On April 15, 1941 he moved into the 80 year old completely remodeled and modernized tenant house. In the early morning of July 10, 1957 the barn was struck by lightning during a violent rain and thunderstorm and burned to the ground along with the adjacent granary. Since it was necessary to provide some winter shelter for the Angus cattle, a small pole barn was built to replace the old barn.

Arthur and Helen lived at Broadlawn Farm until June of 1962, when they moved to 992 Sylvan Circle, Naperville. On June 24, 1964 they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary amid family and friends at their home in Naperville.

Helen was born at Fairchild, Wisconsin on August 28, 1889 and passed away at Naperville on November 25, 1965 and was buried in the family plot in Naperville Cemetery along with John and Margaret. Margaret was a 1st Lt. in the Army Nurse Corps until her untimely death from a brain tumor on September 14, 1950. John was killed in the crash of a company plane at Colby, Kansas on April 22, 1964 while on business trip for his employer, the B. C. Mathews Company, an agricultural equipment manufacturer.

Following Helen's death, Arthur remained at their home at Sylvan Circle in Naperville. He became involved in many projects which he had always wanted to do but never had time for as a farmer. In September, 1968 he moved to Madison, Wisconsin and rented the apartment in the duplex owned by his son, William. He continued working on various projects and spent considerable time traveling around the State of Wisconsin in the company of Professor Larry Graber, who was retired from the University of Wisconsin and whom he had known before as a student.

Arthur passed away on September 26, 1971 and is buried in the family plot at the Naperville Cemetery. By any standards, it can be safely said that his was a full, eventful and productive life, and that he will long be remembered.

In his autobiography he wrote that it had been his privilege to live during the days of the emergence of general usage of electricity, the telephone, the automobile, the airplane, the process of fixation of atmospheric nitrogen for the use as fertilizer, radio, television; the development and use of nuclear fuels; and travel into outer space. It will remain to be seen how long it will be before there is again such a breakthrough and technological advance within the space of one person's lifetime.

The donation to the Naperville Riverwalk honoring the memory of Arthur William and Helen Hood Abbott has been made by:

Dr. William L. Abbott, II of Madison, Wisconsin,
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Douglas Hood Abbott of New Lenox, Illinois (son of John Hood Abbott)

Ashling Farm Family

John Ashling and his wife, Anne Wells Ashling, came to Naperville from Sheffield, England, about 1850. They bought their farm from the Ferry family. The land is located on the North side of Diehl Road, West of Route 59. It was owned and lived on by the Ashling family until it was sold to Alexander Ferguson in 1935. The house, remodeled, and the maple trees planted by John Ashling still stand, across from the entrance to Country Lakes on Diehl Road.

John and Anne Ashling had three daughters, Annie, Ellen and Jenny, and one son, William Wells Ashling. Two daughters died unmarried; one daughter, Ellen or Jenny, married Wallace Jones of Naperville (Ward & Jones Furniture, Aurora). They had sons Harry and Clarence. Harry had a son Everett and a daughter, Eileen or Ellen, who married Dennis Bapst who grew up at 125 Mill St., Naperville.

William Wells Ashling, born June 4, 1856, married Amelia Dasenbrook, born July 28, 1861, in Warrenville. She was the daughter of Henry Dasenbrook and Mary Kline Dasenbrook from Hanover, Germany.

William and Amelia Ashling had six children: Hattie Eleanor Ashling — Became Mrs. Albert Nelson, Charles Irvin Ashling — Family is in Miami area, Florence Irene Ashling — Became Mrs. Ernest O'Neal, Earl Dasenbrook Ashling — Family is in Oregon, John William Ashling — Family is in Minnesota, Mildred Helen Ashling — Became Mrs. Harley Babel (Babels of Naperville)

One of the daughters of Hattie Ashling Nelson, Joyce Nelson Brewer Farnsworth, lives on Hobson Road, Naperville.

The daughter of Florence Ashling O'Neal, Virginia O'Neal Patton Wolch, lives on North Webster, Naperville.

Florence Ashling O'Neal lives at Community Convalescent Center, Mill Street, Naperville.

Information contributed by Virginia Wolch.

Edward W. Ayers

Edward W. Ayers was born in Wisbeck, Upwell, Cambridgeshire, England April 20, 1892. Son of John Henry and Harriet Ann Hall Ayers. The John Henry Ayers family consisting of John Henry, father, Harriet Ann, mother—daughters, Esther and Anna Ellen—sons, John Robert and Edward William, a baby of nine months arrived in America on January 11, 1893. Harriet's brother Joe Hall also came with them. The family was taken in by the family of Chamers W. and Mary E. Adams in Clinton, Iowa. A very short time after that the Ayers family moved to Batavia, Illinois. The family farmed 19 years on the Wm. P. Barker farm just south of Batavia. When John Henry's health failed they moved into town on East Wilson St. John Henry passed away at 3 p.m. Thursday March 24, 1921.

Edward W. Ayers married Catherine M. Beringer on May 22, 1918 at 2 p.m. in Holy Angels Church Aurora, Illinois. At that time Edward was working at Mooseheart. He groomed show horses and showed them in the show rings. He then went to farming in Elburn and then moved to Aurora Township helping farm the Beringer farm in Marywood. Esther was born on March 26, 1920 in Batavia, Illinois. The family moved to Louths farm on Ferry Road Warrenville. Fred was born Dec. 31, 1923 on that farm. The family moved to the Ashling farm on Route 59 March 1st, 1926. Grace E. was born 11 days later. Lived on the Ashling Farm until March 1, 1934. They moved to the Newcomer farm until March 1st of 1935. At this time the family moved to the Theisen farm on Ogden Avenue. Farmed there from March of 1935 until the final sale in Feb. of 1942. Moved to 812 Pearl St. March 1, 1942. Worked for John Deere on North Broadway in Aurora from 1943 until summer of 1944 when Edward went to work in his own business—Mills Dairy in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The family moved to Kalamazoo in March of 1945. They lived at 832 Hayes Park until March of 1947 when they moved back to 812 Pearl St. Aurora, Illinois.

Edward again went back to work for John Deere until they closed the John Deere shop in Aurora. he then transferred to the John Deere shop in Elburn, Illinois. He retired in June 1961. He worked part time for the John Deere until Decoration Day 1962. They lived at 812 Pearl St. until Catherine passed away Holy Saturday April 21, 1973. Edward moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan until he passed away Dec. 25th 1978 Christmas Day. The children: Esther lives in Warrenville, Illinois, Fred and Grace both live in Kalamazoo, Michigan as of this date December 14, 1982.

Sylvester Allen Ballou, 1828-99

Sylvester A. Ballou was a direct descendant of Maturin Ballou, one of the founders of Rhode Island. He was born in Galway, N.Y. in 1828. His father, Isaac Albee Ballou, and family moved to Breckenridge, Ohio, in 1832 where he was a farmer and maker of shoes. "Ves," as Sylvester was called, taught school from 1848-9, when he and his brother, Volney, sailed around Cape Horn to try their luck in the gold fields, where they arrived in August, 1850.

The brothers walked to Cold Springs, El Dorado County, "a teeming hive of gold seekers", where Ves became a leading citizen. He founded a Lyceum and the first public library in California in 1853. That year he was elected to the State Assembly in Benicia and made chairman of a committee to investigate sites for a permanent capitol. Ballou's 7 page document recommending Sacramento, as well as many bills he sponsored, are in the California Archives.

In the summer of 1854 he returned to Naperville where his father had purchased a farm, south of the second bridge along the DuPage river. In the spring of 1855 he and his brother Orlando returned to California, living near Quincy where they prospected along the Feather River and packed supplies to the miners' camps. He was the first teacher in the Pioneer school there, now a California landmark.

In 1858 Ballou was elected to the Assembly again. Newspapers praised him as a hard-working and principled legislator, a capable committee chairman, an effective orator, and the best parliamentarian in the house. He was famous for his unflinching stand on the question of statehood for Kansas, emphasizing popular sovereignty rather than his anti-slavery convictions.

In 1859 Ballou was elected to the Senate from Butte and Plumas Counties. His speeches, significant for their intelligent and moral reasoning and also popular for their witty and ironic cast, were often printed on the front pages of the Sacramento and San Francisco papers.

When the legislature was over in 1860, Ballou, convinced that war was imminent, returned to Naperville. He joined the Union Army, became a major, serving in Missouri, Georgia and Tennessee,

and won praise as being "not only wise, active and efficient, but thoroughly honest."

In June 1865 he married 20-year-old Julia Barnard and they returned to San Francisco to fulfill his appointment as Chief Commissary Officer of the Army, Department of California. They came back to Naperville in 1866 and their son, Ray, was born the following year. Julia died of pneumonia in 1869.

In 1871 he rented his farm and went to Indian Territory where he engaged in building the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad. In 1873 he returned to California by train (5½ days) and wrote articles for the *Naperville Clarion* on the great changes in that country. In 1874 his father, Isaac Albee, went to live with his brother, Volney in Santa Rosa, California.

Ves proposed to Eliza Norton in a 6-stanza poem. She was the daughter of Mary and Michael Norton of Irish decent, a beautiful 26-year-old school teacher in the Ellsworth School, with a lively personality. They were married on Jan. 12, 1875. The only time they were separated during their 24 years was when Ves joined the silver rush to Leadville, Colorado, in 1879, an unsuccessful mining venture. They had 4 children, Ralph, Mary Eloise (May) and the twins, Alice and Edith. May married Bernard C. Beckman Oct. 24, 1900. Their 3 daughters were Bernice (Mrs. Stuart S. Ball), Eleanor (Mrs. Albert R. Martin) and Sylvia (Mrs. Robert Warner).

Ves enlarged the home he had built for Julia into a fine house, still standing, surrounded by numerous tall condominiums. He bought a second farm adjoining his to the north, running up the road of the second bridge. (The children attended the little red school house that stood across the river to the north.) He found many arrowheads when turning over those fields for the first time. The tenant farmer lived on this farm and there were hired hands when extra help was needed. He kept a journal noting the weather and planting of crops.

The Ballou family had a merry life with games, spelling bees, and constant reading. There was a pleasant social life between the Ballous and other gentlemen farmers south of town, the Greens, the Barnards and the Royces. They moved to Naperville about 1890, the corner of Brainard and Highland Ave.

The Martin Mitchell Museum has the canvas covered truck that Ballou took around Cape Horn, his tall silk hat that he wore to the legislature in California, and the field desk that accompanied him throughout the Civil War.

Bannister Family History

William Harrison Bannister was born October 15, 1813, in Ontario County, New York. After completion of his education, he worked at farming as well as clerking in his father's dry goods store. He moved to Illinois about 1840. His future wife, Catherine Leich, born in Ireland, came to Illinois with her family from Pennsylvania about the same period of time. They were married in 1849 and had five children, Ashel, Willard, Eva, Catherine and William Harrison, Jr. The couple homesteaded land on Chicago Avenue where Steeple Run is now located, and also owned at one time about 200 acres where Four Lakes and St. Procopius Abbey are now situated.

The oldest son, Ashel Bannister, born 1850, died 1925, married Mary Arua Lyman, and lived and farmed his entire life on the Chicago Ave. farm. Ashel and Arua had two sons, Claude E., born 1880, died 1954, married to Emily Rowe; and Dwight L., born 1889, died 1964. Claude lived his entire life on the family farm. Dwight worked on the farm until married in 1920 to Coletta Riedy, his neighbor, at which time he moved to Naperville and worked at Kroehler's. The Dwight Bannisters moved back to the Riedy farm (now Century Hills) on Chicago Avenue in 1925 and farmed there until 1936, when they purchased a farm on 75th Street (now West Glens). They had four children: Ruth (Mrs. Edgar) Jackson, a resident of Naperville her entire life, who has two children, Patricia Quinn and Frank Jackson; James D. (Christine), who lived on the family farm until subdivided, and still farms in the Naperville community; Elaine (Mrs. Elmer) Ferry has lived in the Naperville area her entire life; George F. lived and farmed in the Naperville area until late fall of 1982, when he moved to Wisconsin. He has one son, Gerald George.

Louis Barkei

In about 1880, three Barkei brothers came to America from Gutersloh, Germany. They were Andrew, William and Henry.

Andrew, the father of Louis, started farming around 1885 north of Naperville, on Warrenville Road. Shortly before 1900, Andrew bought the farm less than ½ mile east of where he was then farming. He worked this land until 1917, when Louis married Anna Feldott. He then started farming on this same land. In later years he bought it, and it was farmed by Louis or someone of his family until 1963, when it was sold to Bell Laboratories.

Their children are: Gilbert, Mildred, Bernice, LeRoy, Paul, Elaine, Joan, Ruth, Marilyn and Dorothy.

Philip Beckman, 1836-1910

Philip Beckman came to the United States, from Dobel in the Pfalzam Rhein, aged 17 years. He was the son of Peter and Eleanore Lucae Beckman who later settled on the west side of Naperville, bringing their 4 sons and 3 daughters from Germany. Philip was engaged in the harness and saddlery trade.

Elizabeth Pfeiffer was only 12 years old in 1855 when she spent 2 such uncomfortable months sailing to the States from Neusatz (near Dobel) that she never boarded a boat again. She married Philip when she was 18 and they had 9 children, including Pauline, Bernard, Marta (Strubler), and Herman who remained in Naperville. Bernie married May Ballou in 1900 and they had 3 girls: Bernice (Mrs. Stuart S. Ball), Eleanor (Mrs. Albert R. Martin) and Sylvia (Mrs. Robert Warner).

The Philip Beckmans lived at the corner of Loomis and Chicago Ave. in a clapboard house with green shutters, gardens and a fence around the property. When North Central bought that whole block, they moved the house to Columbia Ave. The Beckman farm on the east side of the Wheaton Road, across from the throughway entrance, was always rented out, but the family enjoyed picnics there near an outcropping of limestone.

The Beckmans were a musical family. They had a grand piano in the parlor and a pump-organ in the sitting room. Philip played the violin, Pauline the piano, and everyone sang. A cousin, May Barron, became a well-known contralto, singing opera in the States and abroad, and, in later days teaching at North Central College.

Philip's harness and saddlery shop was located at the northwest corner of Washington and Chicago Ave. He bought and cured veal and cow hides from the farmers, and beaver, mink, muskrat, fox and occasionally coyote skins from the trappers along the DuPage river. He installed the first telephone in town with framed vibrators at the shop and house, 3 blocks uphill. When he pulled the string that stretched between them, his wife knew he would be starting home for dinner. He also installed a large watering trough for the farm horses outside his shop. When Sear Roebuck started selling machine-made harnesses and automobiles were envisioned in the future, Philip sold his shop.

When Philip died his family replaced the watering trough with a large metal fountain, given to the city in his memory. That fountain, after years of being planted with flowers and decorating various city centers, is now in a fine setting in the entering plaza of the Riverwalk.

In the Martin Mitchell Museum are certain items from the Philip Beckman home: that flaxwheel that had belonged to Elizabeth's mother in Germany, her printed challis wedding dress, the telephone, the black grand piano from the parlor, and Philip's boxed collection of fine saddlery tools.

(Written by Eleanor B. Martin on behalf of Dylvia B. Warner)

Walter L. & Barbara A. Berger

Walter Berger's father, Frank, came to Illinois from Lancaster County Pennsylvania in 1878. Walter married Cora Kemmerer and moved to Hope, Kansas for a few years before returning to DuPage County. They farmed on Copenhagen Road and had seven children, of which Walter was the second oldest.

Walter married Barbara Bermes in 1912. Of this union two children were born, Sterling Glenn and Irene Verdell. The Berger farm was located on Rt. 34 & Rt. 59. Walter died at the age of 80 in Oct. 1967.

Sterling married Gladys Wiesbrook in 1937 and they had four children: Arla Jean, Keith, Janet and Mary.

Arla Jean married Ronald Minor and they have three children: Steven, Christa and Kenneth and live in Naperville.

Keith married Laurenda Rieser from Plainfield and had four daughters: Rennell, Rene, Valerie and Vickie. Rennell is married to Ron Brummel. Rene married Robert Rischl. Valerie is deceased. Vickie is married to Jim Angell and they have a daughter, Amie. Keith and Laurenda have lived in Sugar Grove, Illinois since 1968.

Irene Berger married Don Campbell in 1951 and they had no children. They reside in North Aurora, Illinois.

At the age of 91, Barbara Berger still lives alone in Aurora, Illinois.

Leonard J. and Lena C. Binder

Leonard Binder and Lena C. Lechler grew up as neighbors in a farm town named Oberachhorn, about twenty miles from Ausbach in Mittelfranken, Bayern, West Germany.

Leonard was born January 13, 1861, and died July 6, 1941. He learned the carpenter trade in Germany and served in the German Army under Kaiser Wilhelm for six years before coming to Amer-

ica. Lena was born March 4, 1870, and died November 24, 1946.

They came to the United States aboard an ocean [illegible]r as part of a group of ten friends and neighbors in 1888. They came to the Aurora vicinity to get established with the help of Fred Sorg who had come before them. Leonard worked as a carpenter and Lena as a maid. They were married in 1890. They lived on the Langhurst farm in Oswego, Illinois and Lena took in washing. Two children were born there: Fred and Marie.

In 1893 they rented "The Wood Farm," ¾ mile west of Route 59 on Route 34, Naperville, Illinois. The farm was on the south side of the highway. (The Metropolitan Life Insurance Building is now directly across the road from the farmhouse.) Four more children were born to them here: Lena, Charles, Otto and Helena.

In 1914 Leonard purchased 130 acres just east of the Wood farm on the north side of Route 34 extending almost to Route 59. He added to the small home on the property and his oldest son, Fred, and his wife, Daisy, ran the farm.

In 1919 he bought another 106 acres on the south side of Route 34, extending to Route 59, directly across from the 130 acres. (The land was part of the Francis Granger farms). The family moved to the home on the southwest corner of Routes 34 and 59, and using his carpenter skills, he added on to that home. About that time, Fred's daughter, Lorene, came to live with the Binders and was raised like another daughter. The Binders also sponsored the arrival of Lena's nephew, Carl Burkhart, from Germany, and he worked for them on the farm.

Their daughter, Helena Edna, married Leo A. Yackley, in 1927, and they moved into the tenant home previously occupied by Fred. When Mrs. Binder died in 1946, Leo and Helen bought the Binder family farm and moved in there in 1947 with their two daughters: Shirley Mae and Norma Jean. The Yackleys farmed the land until Leo's death in 1955, and Helen continued to live there, renting the farm to her son-in-law, until she married Norman E. Harrison in 1960, and they farmed it until 1973 when most was sold to developers. Helen kept five acres around the home and continues to live there as this is written in 1983. Mr. Harrison died in 1982 at the age of 84.

Lena C. Binder will be remembered by many as the cook for the Hot Lunch program at Granger School in the early 1940's. The Granger School children also received a warm welcome when they went to the Binder home to use their telephone, since none was in the school.

John Blum

John Blum came to the Naperville area in the early 1860's from Germany. He married Magdelenh Yender in SS Peter & Paul Church in Naperville. They owned and operated a farm in DuPage Township, Will County on Lilly Cache Road from 1870 to 1918. The family consisted of nine children: John, Frank, Lizz, Melia, Gene, Joseph, Edward, George and Reuben. Many of their children and grandchildren were farmers in the greater Naperville farming area until the disappearance of the farms from the Naperville area.

Reuben Blum was born on January 6, 1894 in DuPage Township, Will County. He started to farm in 1915 on his parent's farm. On June 3, 1919 he married Florence Rott of Naperville in SS Peter & Paul Church. On March 1, 1922 they moved to the farm on College Road which they had purchased. They farmed the farm on College Road until December, 1949 at which time the farm was sold. They had two children, Vernon Blum and Helen Seul.

Franklin and Mindwell Boardman

The name Boardman (Boreman) is derived from "board man" or "tenant". The family was of Anglo-Saxon origin and the early ancestors were mostly landed gentry and yeomen of Great Britain.

The Thomas Boreman family, including his son, Daniel, immigrated from Claydon, Oxfordshire, England to Ipswich, Massachusetts, about 1634. These are the ancestors of the Boardmans who migrated to Illinois and settled in Will County in the 1830's.

Joseph Boardman (1722-1796) born in Preston, Connecticut, married Rachel Killam. Joseph was a [illegible]tain in the 8th Regiment of the Colonial Militia. Of his marriage twelve children were born, one of whom was Benjamin born in 1768 and who came to Colchester, Vt. where he settled and married Sabra Brown. Of the latter marriage at least two children were born, namely, Amos and Harry.

Harry (later known as Capt.) came to Illinois in 1831 and settled in DuPage Township, Will County, Illinois on a farm on the east branch of the DuPage River. In 1834 he entered partnership with Bailey Hobson and operated a huge grist mill for many years. Capt. Joseph Naper, along with Capt. Harry Boardman, in June, 1832, made a trip to Ottawa to gain assistance in building a fort at the Naper settle-

ment, and at one time Capt. Boardman was in command of Old Fort Dearborn, which was later to become the city of Chicago.

It is not known what year Amos came to DuPage Township, but he spent his life farming, and his last years in the home of his son Franklin. Amos had eight children born of his marriage with Harriet Ames, one of whom is the above named Franklin Boardman.

Franklin was born in 1818, married Mindwell Bates in 1843, came west and landed in Chicago. He had $33 in money and bought a good farm in Wheatland Township, where he farmed throughout his life, as well as held several offices of public trust. Of his marriage four children were born: Maria, Emma, William Warren, and George Bates Boardman

The latter of these four children, George Bates Boardman, married Mary Jane Clow, and to them seven children were born: Harry, Mary, Franklin Cornelius, Margaret, Helen Mindwell, Thomas and Robert.

These children and their descendants married settlers with familiar names such as McCumber, Clow, Royce, Jones, Thomas, Netzley, Scarritt, Stephens, Boughton, etc. The early Boardmans were farmers but some of the descendants have sought other fields of endeavor, and they are now scattered over nearly every State in the Union.

The third child, Franklin Cornelius Boardman married Elsie Hannah Royce in 1913, and to them six children were born: James, George, Alexander, John, Mary Isabelle, and Harry Stewart. With the exception of George who died in 1972, all of these children are living, carrying on the Boardman name, and were instrumental in compiling this geneology.

The Boardman family has always been known for their energy, ambition and industry. Thirteen have served in the military service, one gave his life, several have served their community politically, one was a noted Missionary to Burma, and one was a clergyman and author.

The Boardman name is perpetuated by the naming of the Boardman Cemetery in DuPage Township after this early pioneer family.

Boecker Fuel & Grain

Three generations of Boeckers have operated the Boecker Coal (Fuel) and Grain Co. for 114 years at Fifth Avenue and Ellsworth Street.

On Nov. 1, 1982, Leonard (Len) Boecker terminated his 65-year career in the family enterprise by selling his oil business to Will-DuPage Farmers' Services of Joliet. Len's grandfather B.B. Boecker Sr. was operating a lumber and hay business when he purchased Musselman's Coal and Grain Co. The two tall grain elevators on the site were among the town's landmarks. By 1880 he had a grist mill, producing feed and adding another product to the business.

B.B. Boecker's son, Theodore (Tip), took over the business in 1907, and 10 years later, management of the company was assumed by Tip's two sons — Theodore Jr. (Ted) and Len. They began to sell oil as well as coal in 1922, and changed the firm's name to Boecker Fuel and Grain Co. Because coal is so expensive now, there is no longer any call for it, and the sale of it has been discontinued.

In 1964, Ted and Len built the Boecker office building on the corner of their property, at 190 E. Fifth Avenue. Five years ago, Len bought out Ted's interest in the business, and in 1979, the one remaining elevator was removed from the property.

The fuel and grain business is a thing of the past now, but a fourth generation Boecker, Len's son, Peter, operates Lenny's DuPage Asphalt Co. from the office building. Behind the office building, the old weighing station still stands — a memento of the century that the Boeckers served farmers, merchants, and townspeople with essential services.

John J. & Adrienne Book

John J. Book was born on the Book farm on Book Road, the son of Johann Peter and Catherine Book, and attended Book School. He was an organizer of the Naperville Farm Fire Protection District, a director of Granger School, a highway road Commissioner of Naperville Township. John was very active in township affairs and helped chart Naperville's early days. Most of all he was a very successful farmer and cattle feeder. Many loads of cattle were brought to the Book farm for fattening to be shipped to the Union Stock Yards in Chicago. His main delight was raising big yields of corn. He started raising sweet clover as a plow under for fertilizer, to raise better corn. Mister Book always resented government subsidy payments, and through the years refused to take them. He always said "if I can't make it on my own, I'll quit." John's farm was one of the first in lighting the farm with electricity. John J. married Adrienne Rickert at the turn of the century. They were the parents of seven children: Glen, Vernon, Homer, Grace, John D., Allan, and Audrey. Mrs. Book was a member of the Home Bureau, and the Rural Life Progress Club.

Edward Peter and Mary (Hawbecker) Book family

1st Generation of Books to farm in the Naperville area:
Great-grandfather: Jean Bouc (Book): (born 1803 - died 1873)

Jean Bouc was born in 1803 in Kleinvillars, old Kingdom of Wurttemberg. Kleinvillars was a colony of emigrants from south France and the Alps of Italy, established in 1699 on the boundary of Oelbronn, now West Germany.

In 1830 Jean married Margarethe Catharine Scheible. They had five children. In 1841 Margarethe Catharine died. Some years later Jean married Margaretha Scheuerle. They had three children.

In 1847 the Bouc family immigrated to the United States and eventually settled in Wheatland Township southwest of Naperville, Illinois, where Jean farmed until his death in 1873.

2nd Generation of Books to farm in the Naperville area:
Grandfather: Jean Pierre (Johann Peter) Book: (born 1831 - died 1908)

Johann Peter, eldest son of Jean and Margarethe Catharine Bouc, was born in Kleinvillars, Kingdom of Wurttemberg, in 1831. In 1847, at the age of sixteen, he immigrated to the United States with his parents and family.

He was married to Sophia Burkhart, who was born in 1840 in Bavaria, Germany. At the age of nine, she immigrated with her parents to the United States. They also settled in the Wheatland Township area.

Johann and Sophia had seven children: Levi, Emma, John, Henry, Millie (Mrs. Clint Fey), *Edward Peter,* and Clara (Mrs. William Wendling).

Johann farmed in the Wheatland area until he retired and he and Sophia moved to Washington Street, Naperville, a few years before his death in 1908. Sophia, his wife, died in 1927.

3rd Generation of Books to farm in the Naperville area:
Father: Edward Peter Book (born 1881 - died 1953)

Edward Peter, the fourth eldest son of Johann Peter and Sophia, was born in Wheatland Township in 1881. He was married in 1906 to Mary Hawbecker. She was born in 1889 in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, the third eldest of ten children. Her parents, Frank and Sally Hawbecker, moved to Park Addition in Naperville with their family in 1890.

Edward and Mary had five children, all born in the Naperville area: Caroyl (Mrs. Owen Beidelman): born in 1907 - died in 1931. Thelma (Mrs. Francis Kellogg): born in 1909; lives in Naperville. Robert: born in 1915 - died 1967. Howard: born in 1918; retired and lives in Woodstock, Illinois. James: born in 1927; farms on Bunker Hill Road, Harvard, Illinois.

Edward farmed in the Naperville area from 1906 to 1922. 1906-1910 — On a farm just west of Book Road on 75th Street in Wheatland Township. 1910-1913 — On the John P. Rickert farm just east of Book Road on 75th Street. 1913-1922 — On a farm on north West Street, just south of the East-West tollway.

In 1922 Edward bought a farm on Bunker Hill Road south of Harvard, Illinois, where he farmed until his death in 1953. His wife, Mary, died in 1979 in Rockford, Illinois.

Leo & Adra Book

In 1847, the first ancestors that we know of, the Jean Bouc's (John Book's) came to this country from Klein Villars, Maulbron, Wicertenburg, Germany. His second wife Margaret, two of their children and four of his children from his marriage came to this country. His first wife, also named Margaret, died in Germany in 1841. John Peter Book, the first son of this marriage was 16 when he came with his father and step-mother from Germany.

The first farm the family owned was located in Wheatland Township. Son, John Peter went on to own three farms in Naperville Township. One was later purchased by his son Henry, which at this writing is located on Book Road (first farm on the east side of the road). This is where Leo H. Book was born and raised. He was born December 25, 1902.

Leo married Adra Matter, March 1, 1930. They had one son, Kenneth, born November 8, 1934, and one daughter Joan, born November 13, 1937.

In 1941, the Leo Book family moved to a 280 acre farm southeast of Naperville, which is now known as University Heights. Located at 77th St. and Wehrli Road.

Leo and Adra retired and moved to Marion, Illinois in 1969. In 1979, (May 5th) Leo died, and Adra died April 15th of 1980.

The Renc brothers, Mark, Timothy, and Robert Renc, sons of Joan and Wayne Renc are the sixth generations on both the Book and Matter sides in the Naperville area.

Glen H. Book

Born in 1902 on the Book farm in Naperville Township—the first of seven children of John J. and Adrienne Book. He has lived on the farm all his life and is reputed to be one of the last DuPage County residents to reside and still be active in the farm operations. In the early twenties he helped build Granger School and was also a grounds keeper for a golf course in Wheaton. He is an ardent horse admirer and made many trips to other states to watch the horses perform. He attended the Book School which was on the farm and also took a course at North Western College (now North Central College). Many hoes were worn out from keeping the weeds out of his big truck garden. He was a hog and cattle man as well as a dairyman.

Homer K. and Dorothy M. Book

Homer is the son of John J. and Adrienne M. Book and was born on the farm on Book Road. He was a student of Book School and one of the last two graduates. The next year, 1922, Granger School was started. A farmer all his life, his main interests were feeding cattle and raising good corn. He was also a seed salesman and a live stock showman and made many cattle shows from coast to coast. Now a resident of Green Acres he still carries on his farm work with his son Bryan. He also has a daughter Cheryl and four grandchildren.

Homer's wife Dorothy (now deceased) was born in Oak Park, Illinois. At an early age, she lived in Glen Ellyn, Illinois and attended the public schools there and graduated from Glenbard West High School. For a time she was employed by Illinois Bell Telephone as an operator in Glen Ellyn and Elmhurst. In the forties she joined the Navy as a wave and was stationed at Sand Point in Brenerton, Washington. In 1948 Homer and Dorothy were married in the "Wee Kirk of the Heather Church" in Glendale, California. She was an excellent artist and designed clothes and made ceramics. Dorothy passed away in 1980.

The Boughton Family

Warren W. Boughton was among the first Boughton Road settlers of Wheatland Township. He was born in Genesee County, N.Y. Feb. 10, 1817 the son of Orris and Sibyl Ann (Newell) Boughton, who emigrated west with six children to Illinois, and settled in Wheatland Township, Will County, Illinois in May of 1842.

Mr. Warren W. Boughton married Mary Scott. In 1850 Mr. Boughton started for the gold field of California and died at Council Bluffs, April 25, 1850 leaving a wife and two children: 1. Newel J., who was a soldier in the war (enlisted in 1861 in Co. L. Boulton's Battery, served until the close of the war, and was honorably discharged, died in 1876.); 2. William D., born Feb. 28, 1846, lived on the homestead, engaged in farming and married Emma J. Boardman (daughter of Franklin and Mina Bates Boardman who settled in Will County in 1844).

(1) John Newell I., 1. Mary Shoup Thompson; 2. Pery. (2) William Doty Boughton, 1. Bertha born 7/24/73, died 7/22/74; 2. Mina born 3/24/72, m. 6/5/95 to Frank Eaton, died 1/4/48.; 3. Della M. born 9/22/75, m. 1/20/06 to George T. Patterson, died 5/27/46; 4. Newell J. II born 8/9/77, m. Lulu M. Boardman 6/3/15, died; 5. Wilbur Warren born 2/3/79, m. Florence Thompson 7/19/05, died; 6. Frank B. born 7/22/85, m. Agnes Grommon 3/10/13, died 4/3/53; 7. David W. born 9/20/38 m. Esther Patterson 3/20/18, died 12/4/49; 8. Reuben Scott born 11/27/90 married Della Green 9/17/13, died.

(Contributions to the memorial fund were given by a son and grandson of Wilbur Warren Boughton)

Arthur & Mae Brossman

The Brossman farm is located in Wheatland Township about 6 miles south of Naperville on the northwest corner on Plainfield-Naperville Road and 111th Street. Amosa and Emily Thomas purchased the farm from the United States government on May 23, 1844.

On March 4, 1882, Jacob and Lydia Brossman Jr. purchased the farm from the Thomases.

James and Susan Brossman purchased the farm from his parents on March 1, 1896 Arthur and Mae Brossman bought the farm from his parents on March 1, 1922. Arthur farmed until his retirement and lived on the farm until his death. Their four children are Leona Boughton, Thomas (deceased), Howard and Roy Brossman. Son Roy is farming the land at the present time.

Bernard J. & Anna M. Brucher

Ben Brucher and Anna Novak were married in 1920. That same year they moved to the Schwartz Farm where Naperville North High School is now located. They raised their family there — the children's names were Walter, Bernard, Raymond, Melvin and Audrey. In 1942, they moved their family to a farm near Warrenville and farmed there until their retirement in 1950.

Upon retiring, they moved back into the City of Naperville to spend their remaining years. The family was educated at the SS Peter & Paul Grade School and Naperville High School. All of the Brucher children still live in or near Naperville with their families.

Margaret Brucher, sister of Ben, lived with the family all of her life. At this date (1982) she is currently living at the Community Nursing and Convalescent Home on Mill Street in Naperville — she is 94 years of age, born August 15, 1887.

The Andrew Brummel Farms

The farm in Warrenhurst, Illinois, Winfield Township, located on Butterfield Road, three quarters of a mile west of Rt. 59 by the E.J.&E. Railroad, was purchased in 1919 by William Brummel from the Barkdoll Family. Andrew Brummel married Helen Kammes of Wheaton, Illinois, in 1920. This is where Andrew and Helen started farming and raised twelve children, naming them in order: Edith Stark, Bartlett; Dorothy White, Naperville; Mildred Wolsfeld, Earlville; Marie White, Aurora; Arthur Brummel, Sugar Grove; Pauline Muehlfelt, Wheaton; Norman Brummel, Elkhorn; Floyd Brummel (deceased), Maple Park; Gerald Brummel, Watertown, Wisconsin; Geraldean Mctosh, Denver, Colorado; Ervin Brummel, Virgil; Janice Ferreri, Plainfield. All lived on this farm until Andrew bought the Ed Rieser farm on Warrenville-Batavia Rd., Naperville, Illinois in 1943 to which they moved and lived until The Hammerschmidt Gravel purchased it in 1950. They built a new home on this same property. After the death of Andrew's father William, Andrew bought the Butterfield farm in 1950 and it was farmed by members of the family until the (Atomic Energy) now known as Fermi Lab, Batavia, Illinois purchased under protest in 1967. After that Andrew and Helen bought a home in Geneva, Illinois. They were both born in Dupage County as well as both their parents.

John J. and Lena Brummel

Joseph Brummel was born in Verl, Westphalia, Germany on Nov. 9, 1837. He married Catherine Hermreck and they raised eleven children: Henry, Mary, Elizabeth, Peter J., John C., Christopher, Joseph, Frederick, Katherine and John C.

John C. Brummel was born March 28, 1876 and died Feb. 1, 1957. He married Katherine Seppelfrick on Jan. 15, 1900. She was born on Oct. 30, 1878 and died on April 25, 1945. They had a family of five children: John J., Joseph, Paul, Mary and Fred.

John J. was born Nov. 21, 1901. He married Lena Frieders of Pigeon Hill, Aurora, on May 28, 1924. He farmed with his father, John C., on the Nichols farm, one mile west of Route 59 on North Aurora Road. While living there two daughters were born, Betty and Kathrny.

In 1927 they moved to the Diehl farm on Route 59 about one mile north of North Aurora Road. Three more daughters were born, Patricia, Marjorie and Marion, while the family lived there. At Christmas time in 1931, the barn caught fire during the night and cows, horses, machinery, hay and straw were lost.

The family moved in 1933 to Batavia, on the Stuff farm, which is now part of Fermi Lab. John and Lena were blessed with two more daughters, Alice and Bernice.

The George Keller farm on River Road, Naperville was the next move for them in 1936. At last two sons, John and Leon were born at this farm, as well as one more daughter, Dorothy. The children all attended SS Peter and Paul School and Naperville High School.

In 1948 John and Lena bought the Abbott farm on Route 59. The basement of the house was the Polling Place for the area for many years. After many years of milking cows, John sold them and raised grain, a few hogs and steers. The farm was sold to developers in 1961 and is now part of Longwood and Pebblewood. They rented again until the buildings were torn down when that area was developed. John died May 2, 1963 and in 1971 Lena built a new house in Longwood. Lena passed away on Oct. 16, 1973, and the house was sold in 1976.

Betty married Albert Collins of St. Charles, they farm in Yorkville, Illinois. They had nine children: Ronald (deceased), Raymond, Diane, Nancy, Joann, Mary, Carol, Albert Jr., and Bonnie. They

have eleven grandchildren.

Patricia married Joseph Miller of Cloverdale. They now farm near Rochelle, Illinois and have four children, Janice, Jim, Kenneth and Linda.

Marjorie is married to Harvey Buckholz of Elgin and they farm near Rochelle also. Their children are Rosie, Donna, Linda, Bill, Connie, Ed and Sandy. They have four grandchildren and their son Bill is deceased.

John Weiland is Alice's husband and they live in Marywood, Aurora, Seven children were born to them: Mike, Ricky, Debbie, Peggy (deceased), Kathy, Ronald and Lynette.

Bernice and Tony Konen of Marywood have seven children: Sherry, Darlene, Tony, Sue, Sally, Michelle, David and there are five grandchildren.

Marion married Charles Feltes and they live in Marywood. This family consists of ten children, Jean, Theresa, Rita, Doris, Lois, Karen, Leon, Dan, Paul and Janet. Two grandchildren have been added.

John and Jean (Kendall) have three sons, Danny, Johnny and Dennis, and John now farms the Route 59 area and North Aurora Road area including the homestead.

Dorothy and John Falduto and their children Johnny, Patty, Tom, Julie, Jeanne and Karen, live in Elmhurst, Illinois.

Leon and Virginia (Janik) of Chicago have five children: Andy, Jennifer, Mark, David and Michael. He continued farming the homestead and 500 acres in the area of several years and now farms near Genoa, Illinois.

Kathryn is single and lives in Aurora and works in Naperville.

Leo Brummel

Leo Brummel, the oldest son of Henry Brummel, a farmer in the Naperville area for many years, started his own farming career when he married Gertrude Modaff in 1920 and moved to the Michael Gartner farm on what is now Modaff Road. Later he moved to what was known as the Shimp farm by the Frontonac Elevator and the EJ&E Railroad. During these years he was a dairy farmer. At the time of his death in 1956, the family was living on the Hill farm on Ferry Road. Their six sons, Leo, Nicholas, Henry, Robert, Edwin and Richard farmed with them and are farmers now. Their daughters, Barbara Koretke lives in Naperville and Mary Kammes lives in Sycamore. All the years they were dairy farmers, they brought their milk to the Otterpohl Dairy in Naperville.

George Brummel Family

George Brummel was born on July 4, 1901 on a farm located near Warrenville (known as Warrenhurst in 1901) on what is now Route 59. His parents were Henry and Barbara (Gartner) Brummel. In 1910, Henry purchased a farm located at the Northeast corner of Ogden Avenue (Rt. 34) and Naperville Wheaton Road and moved his growing family to that home. Being devout Catholics, George, along with his other brothers and sisters, attended SS Peter and Paul elementary school, hitching a ride with the milk can delivery into Naperville. The return trip home usually was made by walking. George was active in the SS Peter and Paul Cadets, a drill team formed among the upper grades. The cadets were coached by Mr. Getz in the proper marching and rifle carrying methods for participation in parades and church functions.

At twenty-one years of age, as was the custom, George left the family farm to seek his own fortune. He found employment in Wheaton, driving a truck for John Poppelreiter and boarding with Mrs. Ann Forman. Those were the "gay blade" days, making all the rounds at barn dances, running around in the Ford Model T coupe, dating the most eligible girls and making lasting friendships for the rest of his life.

By 1924, George rediscovered an old classmate from SS Peter and Paul by the name of Mag Bauer who lived on Spring St. in Naperville. The courtship blossomed and they exchanged wedding vows on September 30, 1925 at SS Peter and Paul Church. Eventually they built a lovely bungalow on North Avenue and George became employed with Ritzert Gravel. Their first daughter, Rosemary, was born in 1926. Life held great promise in those "roaring 20's."

By 1930, George was yearning to be back on the farm. Something of the old cliche, "You can take the boy away from the farm, but not the farm away from the boy." In March of that year, George and Mag rented a farm on Eola Road, having a West Chicago address but their roots remained in Naperville. George established his farming business with a milking operation, hog raising, chickens and grain farming. In July, 1930 another daughter, Beverly joined the family. Surviving the Great Depression was another major accomplishment for all

at this time, but George and Mag prospered with a great deal of fortitude and hard work. August, 1934, brought the birth of another daughter, Georgene, making the family a fivesome.

Realizing the value and diversity of education in Naperville rather than the one-room country school house located nearby, the children were transported to SS Peter and Paul elementary school in Naperville, a driving distance of seven miles each way or a total of thirty miles each day. However, the Brummel's parish, because of geographical location, was St. Irene's in Warrenville. George served on the Board of Trustees for a period of twenty-five years while Mag became actively involved in the Altar and Rosary Society, serving as President, Secretary and Treasurer at various times. She also was named Woman of the Year for the parish in 1969.

George decided to retire from his farming operation and concentrate his efforts with his cornshelling and trucking business in 1952. He also held a grain dealership with Cargill and Continental Grain Companies. This prompted a move from the farmhome of twenty-three years to a home located on Butterfield Road. 1974 brought them to full retirement and a move to their present home located at 417 W. Gartner Road, Naperville. After fifty-one years of marriage, Mag was born to eternal life in November 1976. Her final resting place is at SS Peter and Paul cemetery.

Rosemary married Paul Dieter of Wheaton in 1946. Three children were born of this marriage: Linda, Randy and Tim. Rosemary and Paul live in Naperville. Linda married Gerald Stark in 1965 and is living in Shabbona, Illinois with her four children: Gerald, Jr., Erin, Alfred and Paul. Randy married Susan Redmond and is living in Woodridge, with their daughter: Sarah. Tim is living in Naperville.

Beverly married Jack Albrecht in 1952 and is now living in Big Rock.

Georgene (better known as Jean) married Richard Walters in 1954. Three boys were born to Dick and Jean: Mark, Steven and Daniel. Mark married Claudia Burns and is living in Evergreen, Colorado. Steven married Nancy Olson and is living in Elgin, with their daughter: Leslie. Daniel is living at home in Geneva.

John P. Case

John P. Case was born at York Center, DuPage County in 1897. His father's family moved to DuPage County in 1865 and bought the farm on Roosevelt Road in 1869 (80 acres for $5000.00). John married Esther Penfold in February of 1922. Esther was born in Chicago. They moved to the Seiler farm on Greene Road in March of 1922. They rented the farm which consisted of approximately 250 acres. In 1928 they also rented the Caldwell farm, the farm just north of the Seiler farm. They farmed these two farms until 1938, when they purchased the former Bauer farm on Bauer Road. They added these 120 acres to the 470 acres they were farming. They later purchased the Barkdoll farm, Mengedoth property, Priegnitz and Carr farms. In the early 1940's they quit farming the land south of town.

They specialized in purebred stock. They had purebred Holstein cattle, Poland China hogs, Angus steers and Scotch collies. Esther raised the collies and sold the offspring.

Mr. Case was one of the charter members of the Pure Milk Association which was organized in 1926. Esther was a charter member of the Lisle Home Bureau. In 1937 John Case started on a small scale raising hybrid seed corn. In 1938 he helped organize North Corn Belt Seed Growers, which later became a part of P-A-G. His son, John J., is still involved in raising hybrid seed corn.

Esther and John Case had nine children, five of whom reached adulthood: Joan, Jane (Robert Koller), Lois, John (Joyce Burg), Connie (Richard Lally).

Eugene and Mary Cassel

In 1854 Bernard and Laurence Cassel came to the United States from Germany. They were headed for the Northwest Territory with a group of settlers. However when they got to Chicago, they found a keg of German beer and with others they emptied the keg and missed the wagon train. The result was their settling in DuPage County.

Bernard bought a farm on Butterfield Road, now known as Herricks Lake. He married Mary Spautz (Spouse) and they had six children: Joseph, Leona, Carrie, J. Peter, Mae and Eugene.

Eugune married Mary Yackley whose grandfather John came from Alsasce. John's son Joseph, in 1846 settled in Lisle. His farm was at the intersection of Yackley and Railroad Ave.

Eugene and Mary reared four children: Florence, Eugenia (Jennie), Edward and Lorraine. Their farm was at the intersection of Naperville-Wheaton Rd. and Warrenville Rd., currently the site of Bell Laboratories.

Florence (Flora) married Henry Wiesbrook in 1911 and they had six children: Harold, Wilbur,

LaRue, Delmar, Gladys and Florence. Flora died at the birth of her sixth child. Therefore these children were raised by their grandparents, Eugene and Mary Cassel.

Wilbur married Patricia Riedy of Lisle and they have five children: Martin, Cathy, Claudia, Judith and Anna Mae, and reside in Valders, Wisconsin.

LaRue and his wife, Hildred, live in Warrenville, and have six children: Donna, Mary, Sonja, LaRue Jr., Richard and Lori.

Delmar married Margaret Belk and they have three daughters: Diane, Karen and Penny.

Gladys married Sterling Berger and they raised four children.

Florence's husband Lawrence Lambe was killed in action in World War II.

She later married Donald Nier and they were blessed with three sons: James, Bruce and William, and they live in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Harold was married to Eleanor Mahar and died in 1968. There were no children born of this union.

Jennie Cassel, daughter of Eugene and Mary, married Frank Rieser and raised five children: Clarence, Bernice, Beatrice, Elnor and Lorraine. They lived in West Chicago and Jennie still resides there at the age of 93.

Clarence married Ruth Kuhn from Wheaton. Myron, Alvin, Laurenda, Charlene and Sally are their children.

Bernice and Joseph Lenertz have four sons, Eddie, James, Richard and Frank, and they live in West Chicago.

Elnor and Everett Gustafson and children, Beverly and Kenneth, live in St. Charles.

Lorraine married Harold Vogt (deceased). They had one adopted son, Harold Jr. Mother and son now reside in West Chicago.

Edward J. Cassel married Myrtle Coddington. He died in 1973 and was the last to bear the Cassel name. Myrtle preceded him in death in 1952.

Lorraine, daughter of Eugene and Mary, married Edward Vogel of Wheaton. They had two daughters. Rosemary married William Nemitz and they have three children: Bill, Judy and Tom. This family's home is in Michigan. Gloria Jean was married to David Youker. They had four children: Christine, Mary Jane, Davie and Amy. Gloria lives in Wheaton.

Robert Clow Family

Robert Clow was born April 30, 1787 in the hamlet of Ecclefechan, Annandale, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. He died in 1844 at the home he established when he came to Wheatland Township, Will County, Illinois and is buried in the Wheatland Cemetery.

About five years after the death of his wife Sarah (nee Henry) Robert Clow began to think seriously of his wife's dying wish: "Sell out here and go to some new country where land is cheap and keep the children together."

Accordingly, about 11 o'clock a.m. on August 31, Robert Clow with his six sons and two daughters age 8 to 26 years old, left the land where their mother was buried, boarded a coast boat at Annan on the Solway by the sea, and headed for Liverpool. At Liverpool they boarded the mail packet "England", 600 tons, and weighed anchor on the morning of September 1, 1837.

After 35 days living in cramped quarters, doing their own cooking, stifled with impure air when ports and hatches were closed in rough weather, and drinking abominable water, they arrived in New York Bay, October 5, 1837. They took passage on the steamer "Essex" for Albany, thence they came by the Erie Canal to Port Gibson in Western N.Y.

From Port Gibson they moved some miles south to Canandaigua, in Ontario County about 30 miles southeast of Rochester, N.Y. and spent the winter of 1837-38.

In the spring of 1838 they rented and moved onto what was known as the old Shaker farm of some 1400 acres, located on Big Sodus Bay, somewhat east of the center of the southern shore of Lake Ontario. There were buildings, large orchards, about 100 acres of plow land, and the Clows spent six happy years on this farm.

In 1844 on the 26th of March the Clows left Sodus and went to Lyons, N.Y. to await the opening of the Canal to continue their journey. They paid $1.00 per week for a kitchen and three rooms. Mr. Clow came down with the ague and fever but that did not deter him from traveling. The locks on the canal did not open because of the water level and they were detained three days longer. Finally, on the 22nd of April they left Macedon, passed through Lockport to the Tonawanda Creek which lay alongside the Niagara River all the way to Buffalo. At Buffalo passage was secured on the Steamboat Chesapeake in a little room with 9 berths in it for $7.00. The journey continued with many events through Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, and on the 30th of April they reached Chicago, stopped alongside Nortons Pier where they went to the Temper-

ance House and stayed all night paying $1.00 for bed and board.

On May 1, 1844 Mr. Clow, Adam and Robert left for the Fox River in a wagon. On May 4th they came in a stage to Naperville and began searching for a home site. They often walked miles, traveling in all directions before they decided on Section 15 and adjoining 80 acres in northwestern Will County, which they purchased from the government for $1.25 an acre. On "July 16, 1844, fetched a load of lumber from Hobson, and laid off the ground for the house. Contract for building the house was let to Mr. Lyman for $500." (From the diary of Robert Clow Jr.)

Some of the original land still remains in the hands of descendants of Robert Clow Sr. At one time there were eight sets of Clow brothers in northwestern Will County. With the passing of time many have left the farm but those remaining are endeavoring to carry on the hopes and aspirations of the original owner.

There are fifteen Clow lots in the Wheatland Cemetery in Wheatland Township, Will County, Illinois, where the early settlers are buried. This serves as a reminder to visitors of their love for the land and a desire to stay with their heritage.

Walter and Lucille Darfler

Walter — born in Yorkville, Illinois 1900 — parents, farmers; Lucille — born in Chicago, Illinois 1903 (died 1963) — parents, occupation unknown

Walter and Lucille arrived in Naperville in the early 1930's. Their first real estate was at the corner of Brainard and Highland directly across the street from the North Central College President's home, 330 South Brainard Street.

They had 4 children: Donald L. born 1922 (died 1968), married Jessimine Wheaton, daughter of Dr. Wheaton, veterinarian; Charles J. born 1927 (died 1968), married Carolyn Fraley; Gene E. born 1930, married Constance L. Langher; Jeannette M. born 1937, married Robert Lenert.

Don was a World War II Marine fighter pilot. Got his degree from North Central College. Married Dr. Olin and Mary Wheaton's daughter Jessimine during the war years. Became a banker after retirement from Marines.

Chuck remained a farmer all of his life. Married Frank Fraley's daughter Carolyn. They were farmers on the same road; just south a mile and a half.

Gene married Connie Lee Langher, a school teacher. They met at North Central.

Jeannette married Bob Lenert of Naperville. They have remained in Naperville all of their life. Truly native Napervillians.

Their first farm real estate was on Hobson Road in Section 29, Lisle Township. this was 160 acres. Then in about 1941 or 1942 they traded the Hobson Road Farm for the old Book farm on Book Road west of Naperville. This farm was approximately 100 acres and fronted on Book Road. The "L" shaped farm touched 75th Street to the south and east. This farm cost $30,000. I recall the amount because it staggered by father and mother to imagine their being in debt for such a large amount. We were a very happy family and memories of growing up in the Naperville area are good ones.

Kenny Davis

Kenneth Benjamin Davis' great grandparents, Benjamin and Jane Leesley came to the Naperville area from England in 1850. Their daughter Molly married Hiriam Davis from Wheatland, Will County, Illinois. The Davis farm was located about 9 miles southwest of Naperville. Their son Ben married Hattie Rink and they farmed the family farm, raising 5 children who were the 6th generation to live on the farm. The original deed to the farm had been written on buckskin. Their son Kenny married Olive Fraley, daughter of Frank and Jennie Fraley in 1935. They farmed and later purchased the George Winckler farm located on the corner of Book Road & 75th Street. They had 3 children: Marjorie (Mrs. Arthur J. Beck) of Mendota; Richard Kenneth of Naperville, and Jerry N. of Sandwich.

In 1962 the Davis' purchased a farm near Sandwich and moved there.

Henry and Hilda Diehl

Henry Diehl was born January 24, 1896 in Lockport, Illinois, the son of Peter and Margaret Diehl. In 1917 he married Hilda Matson, born January 18, 1891 in Aurora, Colorado. They moved to the Naperville area about 1920, and farmed several farms south of town until 1949.

Hilda had the distinction of being the first woman to plow in and win the Wheatland Plowing Match.

They reared six children as follows:

Katherine born November 30, 1917, married Carl Finkbeiner, born May 1, 1903. They have four children and three grandchildren. Katherine is the

Administrative Assistant at Nichols Library in Naperville.

Earl born December 18, 1918, married Betty Jane Smith, born August 22, 1922, and they have four children and three grandchildren. Earl owns and operates his own gas station in Joliet, Illinois.

Leverne born May 1, 1921, is married to Ora Mae Mohon, born April 20, 1925. Five children and four grandchildren make up this family. An auto repair shop in Lisle is owned and operated by Leverne.

Margaret born August 11, 1922, married Earl Meisinger, born July 27, 1920.

G. Alan was born September 6, 1923 and is married to Betty Lou Tranter, who was born July 21, 1927. Alan and Betty have seven children and eleven grandchildren. Office Manager is Alan's title at Morton Buildings.

The youngest, Jeanne, born November 21, 1933, married Roger Craig, born Nov. 24, 1929 and they have two children and two grandchildren.

Michael and Barbara Dockendorf

The Dockendorf's purchased their farm of seventy seven and one half acres in March of 1911, from Jonathan Royce, which was adjacent to the Royce farm. It was located one fourth mile north of Royce Road, on what is now Barkdoll Road.

Michael and Barbara were both born in the Marywood area formerly called "Big Woods." They farmed in this area briefly before moving to Naperville. They raised one son, Edward. The farm was sold in March of 1942, and the family moved to Aurora.

Xavier Drendel I

Xavier Drendel I was born in Herbsheim, Alsace, France on January 18, 1799. His wife, Theresa Rotl, was born March 5, 1804. They were married on November 4, 1825 and emigrated to America on April 28, 1846.

It took them six weeks to cross the Atlantic and at first they settled in Chicago. Xavier bought five acres where the old Federal building now stands. He ran a hotel on the spot and from the hotel porch he would shoot wild ducks in the slough of Lake Michigan.

After several years he sold his Chicago property and bought 300 acres northeast of Naperville at $6.00 an acre. This property is located on both sides of Ogden Avenue, west of Yackley Avenue. There were at least 200 acres of woods on the farm and he frequently shot deer which roamed in the woods. His sons, Joseph I and Xavier II, each had 100 acres a mile north of his farm.

Their children were Joseph I (Theresa Heddrich), Xavier II (Elizabeth Winckler), Madalena (Frederick Schwartz), Antoinette (Michael Rappel), Peter (Melanie Devereau), and Theresa (George Yender).

Xavier I was one of the founders of St. Raphael Church (1846 to 1864). After the church burned, it was rebuilt and renamed Saints Peter and Paul Church.

Xavier I passed away at the age of 73 years, 1 month, and 8 days on February 20, 1872.

Theresa died at the age of 80 years, 5 months, and 3 days on August 8, 1884.

Both are buried in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Naperville, Illinois.

Xavier Drendel II

Xavier Drendel II was born April 7, 1829 in Herbsheim, Alsace, France. At the age of 17 he emigrated with his parents to this country and made Naperville and vicinity his home. He lived at home with his parents until he was twenty-five when he went to California and lived there for two years. He followed mining, and met with fair success; he went via Panama, and returned by the Nicaragua route.

Returning to Naperville in 1856, he married Elizabeth Winckler on November 4, 1856 at St. Raphael Church, now Saints Peter and Paul Church. Her parents, the Xavier Wincklers, also natives of Herbsheim, Alsace, France, emigrated to America in 1845 and settled in Will County, Illinois.

There were eight children by their marriage: Martin (Louisa Bapst) (1857-1917), Theresa (1869-1888), John (1863-1869), Mary (1867-1923), Elonora (Oscar Stephens) (1870-1972), Albert (Lozetta Bierman) (1872-1898), Andrew (1876-1889), and August (Anna Meyer) (1880-1959).

After their marriage they lived on the old homestead, and in 1869 bought 200 acres of land located two miles west of Naperville at Route 65 and Route 59. They spent thirty-five years there.

In 1904 they retired from active life and moved to 12 East Franklin Avenue, Naperville. Here one of the epochs of their lives was celebrated when they passed their fiftieth anniversary of wedded life in 1906.

Xavier II passed away on May 22, 1913, and Elizabeth died on November 9, 1926. Burials are in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Naperville, Illinois.

Martin Drendel

Martin Drendel, the eldest son of Xavier II and Elizabeth Drendel, was born May 30, 1857. At the age of 29, Martin married Louisa Bapst (daughter of Anton and Caroline Bapst) on June 1, 1886 at SS Peter & Paul Church, Naperville. They first lived on North Aurora Road, west of Route 59, on the Simpson farm, for six years where children Myron (1887-1890), Laura (1888-1977), and Oscar (1890-1941) were born. The next farm was on Chicago Avenue This acreage was Sleight Street to the east side of the present Naperville Country Club and the Burlington Railroad tracks to Chicago Avenue. The house at 721 E. Chicago Avenue is still standing. The family lived here for eleven years and during this time four more children were born. These being: Ralph (1892-1982), Leo (1894-1969), Julian (1895), and Paul (1897-1965).

In 1903 the family moved to the Knickerbocker farm on Washington Street, across the street from the present Edward Hospital. Martin bought the 140 acres in 1906 for $21,000. He had dairy cows from which the milk was sold to customers in town from a two-horse drawn wagon, driven by sons Ralph and Paul. On January 2, 1917 Martin died and his widow moved to the house she purchased at 118 N. Washington Street in town. Ralph worked the farm while his four brothers were in the Army. The farm was sold in 1920 to Fred Meisinger.

Oscar was an electrician and died in February, 1941, and mother Louisa passed away on July 12 the same year.

Laura married Paul Meier of North Dakota on January 14, 1938 and they lived in Naperville until 1946 when they moved to a small farm in Green Forest, Arkansas. Paul died and is buried in Berryville, Arkansas. Laura died August 28, 1977 and is laid to rest beside her husband.

The Ralph Drendel family history is recorded separately.

Leo married Frances Earnest of Chicago and in 1924 and they lived in that city until 1946 when they moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. His trade was carpentry until his death July 12, 1969, with burial in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. His widow "Earnie" moved back to Chicago in 1981. There were no children from Laura's or Leo's marriages.

Julian is 87 and resides in Naperville. After his stint in the army, he worked for a time at Kroehler's Manufacturing Co. In 1928 he went to New York where he was caddie master and starter for five golf courses until 1936. At that time he returned to Naperville and was again employed at Kroehlers, retiring after 26 years.

Paul married Lillian Otterpohl, daughter of Herman and Eva, on Nov. 24, 1921 at SS Peter & Paul Church, Naperville. They made their home at 22 S. Ellsworth St. and Lil's parents lived with them. Paul went to work for his father-in-law at the Otterpohl Dairy on the alley behind 12 S. Ellsworth Street. On August 29, 1931 Paul bought the property at 16 S. Ellsworth Street. During this time Paul was a volunteer fireman, becoming Assistant Chief in 1931. He was appointed Fire Chief in 1947 and retired in 1952. When the dairy was sold in 1947, Paul went to work at Kroehler's until he retired. Lillian died August 6, 1956 and Paul died on December 18, 1965, they were buried in SS Peter & Paul Cemetery.

They were blessed with five children: Mary lives in Naperville. Dolores is married to James Ebbesen of DeKalb and they live in that city. They had five children. Their son Michael and his wife Shirley (Heath) of Worner Robbins, Georgia have two sons, Chris and Thomas, and reside in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Daughter Kim died on June 21, 1966. Laurie and Vic Koenig live in Seattle, Washington. Mary and Jim Davis are residents of Wheaton. Jeff lives in DeKalb. Ruth and Wilbert Hageman live in Naperville and have four children. Their history is included with the Hagemann family. Marjorie died suddenly on November 25, 1948 at the age of 18. John (Jack) and wife Martha (Jurzena) have three children: Renee, Denise and John, and they are residents of Naperville.

Ralph and Coletta Drendel

Ralph L. Drendel was born on July 4, 1892 in the big white house on East Chicago Avenue in Naperville. He married Coletta Wehrli on May 23, 1917 in SS Peter and Paul Church. They started their married life on his father's farm on South Washington Street. Here they had dairy cows and raised the usual grain crops common to maintain a dairy herd. Vincent, their first child, was born on April 4, 1918 and Helen was born the following year on December 31. When the Drendel farm was sold in 1920, the family moved to and rented the Wehrli farm farther south on Washington Street. This farm was owned by Coletta's parents, Andrew and Eva Wehrli, who lived in town on Center Street. They farmed here until Vincent, recently home from World War II, joined his father in a farming partnership. Ralph, his sons and a succession of hired hands worked the farm which had dairy cows, pigs

and sheep. They raised corn, oats and soybeans. Another son, Martin, and three more daughters, Rosemary, Peggy and Shirley were born on the farm. Like many families, they weathered the depression, but in 1939 the Wehrli farm was sold to H.W. Rumsfeld. Ralph and Coletta continued to farm there until 1950, when they built a new house on land where the original Hobson School stood. Vincent and Esther (Molitor) lived in the farmhouse until 1960, when the farm was again sold and is now Maplebrook I. Ralph and his sons were active in the Lisle Opportunity 4-H club and he managed their baseball team which went downstate in 1936 and placed second in the state. Coletta and her girls were very active in both the Snappy Stitchers 4-H club and the Lisle Opportunity club.

Coletta died shortly after their 49th wedding anniversary and Ralph died on August 9, 1982.

Vincent and Esther live on a farm at Evansville, Wisconsin and have four children: Connie Dickert, whose husband, Chris and her brother Ronnie are in farming with Vin, Diane Sollsberg and Rosemary.

Helen and Rex Norris live in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and have four daughters: Shirley Lee Lake, Jerry Lee Schmidt, Patty Benninger and Peggy.

Marty and Loane (Handell) farm on Bliss Road in Sugar Grove. Their children are: Ralph, Lee Alan, Dawn and Mary Beth.

Rosemary (deceased) and Frank Cozzoni have three boys: Peter, Michael and Joseph. The Cozzoni family lives in Aurora, Illinois.

Peggy and Donald Kames live in West Chicago and had six children. Their oldest son, Marty, was killed in 1955. The other children are: Donald Jr., Stephen, Louise, Eileen and JoEllen.

Shirley and William Avery have four children and live in Plainfield. They are: Becky Zintak, Bill Jr., Linda and Sheila.

At the present time there are eleven great-grandchildren.

Henry J. Drendel

Joseph I. and Magdalen Drendel were the parents of Henry J. Drendel who was born in Milton Township. In 1905 he married Ottilia Sittler who was also born in that township. They rented and worked the McDowell farm on River Road, which is across the road from McDowell Forest Preserve. In 1919 Henry bought a farm on Chicago Avenue which is now Huntington Subdivision. This was the family home until 1965.

All family members still live in the area except son Henry E., who lives in Arizona. The other children are: Clara Lenert, Elmer, Henrietta Herman, Oliver, Raymond (deceased), Dorothy Hatch (deceased), Reverend Berthold (deceased), Ethel (deceased) and Edith Bangert.

Elmer Drendel

When Elmer left the farm of his father Henry J. Drendel, he worked at the plumbing trade for a while. Then in 1934 he started to work for the Will-DuPage Service Co. as a petroleum salesman with his own truck.

In 1935 he married Henrietta Kocher and four children were born to them. Charles (deceased), William and Theodore both live in Chicago, and Mary Adele married and has five children and lives in Naperville.

Elmer retired in 1972 and his wife Henrietta died on Dec. 3 of that year.

He resides in Naperville with his present wife Helen (Keefe).

Emil Drendel

Emil Drendel was born to Joseph I. and Magdalen (Dumoulin) Drendel on January 6, 1889. He was raised on a farm located at Leask Lane and Butterfield Road until his marriage to Frances Schultz on January 30, 1913. They started farming on a farm at the southeast corner of Route 59 and North Aurora Road. In 1919 they bought a farm on Hobson Road where they lived the remaining years of their lives.

Together they raised eight children: Bernard (died June 26, 1958), Arthur, Edward, Harold, Magdalen, Louise (Mrs. Robert Schultz), Elizabeth (Mrs. Joseph Schmitt) and Bernice (Mrs. Vernon Kinley).

Frances passed away August 19, 1974 and Emil died August 2, 1978.

Andrew J. Drendel

Andrew J. Drendel is the son of Joseph Drendel II, grandson of Joseph Drendel I and great grandson of Xavier Drendel I, all of whom farmed in the area of DuPage County. Xavier and his family came here from Herbsheim, Germany formerly Alsasce Lorraire in 1846. It took them six weeks to cross the

Atlantic. Andrew was born on his father's farm on River Road. His own farm was located southeast of Naperville on Hobson Road, ½ mile east of Hobson School. He operated this farm from 1917 when he married Cleo Riedy. He purchased the farm around 1934. He had a dairy until 1953. Alfalfa hay, corn wheat, oats, barley, and soybeans were among the crops raised on the farm. For many years he raised seed corn for Pfister Associated Growers. When he retired, his son Tom continued to farm until the land was sold for building homes. This area is now known as Huntington Estates. Tom and family remain in the family farm home. Andrew was a member of the DuPage County Farm Bureau and Will DuPage County boards for several years. His family all still reside in this area. They are Kenneth, Harriet Kuhn, Grace Steininger, Thomas and Eugene.

Thomas L. Drendel

Thomas L. Drendel is the son of Andrew Drendel, the grandson of Joseph Drendel II, the great grandson of Joseph Drendel I, and the great-great-grandson of Xavier Drendel I. Tom was born on the farm located on Hobson Road, one mile east of Washington Street. He farmed with his father from 1945 until 1970.

In 1948 he married Virginia Torn of Naperville and they raised four children. Mike and Lynn Drendel have two girls. Andy and Sue Drendel have two boys and one girl. Dick and Kathy Drendel have one son. Donna and Ed Sagen are the parents of a daughter.

Tom was a share farmer with his father on the farm, which was a dairy and hog farm until 1953 when the barn was destroyed by fire. Because of economics the barn was not rebuilt, but a pole shed was erected and the farm became a beef and hog operation. The other main income of this farm was growing seed corn for Pfister Associated Growers. Tom also cash rented other farms: 1957 the farms were located on Routes 59 and 34, 1966 to 1967 the Peter Olesen farm; 1961 to 1967 the Charles Goodrich farm and 1966 to 1967 the Henry Drendel farm. He retired from farming in 1970 but still lives in the family home on the farm.

Virginia died in 1975 and Tom later married Nancy Baumgartner Stocchero in 1977. She had also lost her spouse and was left with six children. Rena Stocchero married Rich Jecha and they have two boys. The other children are: Gena, Jim, John, Ann and Tina.

Alois and Cecilia Ehrhart

In the late 1800's the Edward Ehrhart family moved into the Naperville area.

They bought the farm located south of the Burlington Railroad tracks on what is now River Road.

Alois Ehrhart was born and raised in the home on River Road. He attended Naperville schools and worked on the farm until his marriage in 1921 to Cecilia Wennmaker. They moved onto his father's farm located east of the DuPage River on what is now known as Route 34. Later on he bought the farm and farmed there until he sold it to Harold Moser in 1959. He retained six acres and the house.

They raised a family of three children. Wilbert married Virginia Hoffman. Delores married Russel Joslin. Elmer married Peg Butusov. There are ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Two members of the family are deceased: Cecilia and son Wilbert.

Erich and Margaret Elg

Erich Elg purchased the farm on 83rd Street, between Plainfield-Naperville Roads and Book Road in 1938. Although the Elgs did not live on the farm, they had several tenants. The first was the Harvey Lamb family, then the Edward Suchers and finally George Bannister.

The Elg's only daughter, Margaret, married George Shannon, and they have three children. Margaret says: "The farm was our family's pride and joy. We have many fond memories of beautiful days spent on 83rd Street". The Shannons currently reside in Clarendon Hills, Illinois.

Joshua Erb

In the year 1847, Joshua Erb walked from Ohio to Naperville, to purchase land for himself and other members of his family. Using the DuPage River for a natural western boundary and starting with the present Cress Creek development, he acquired all the land west of Mill Street, north to Warrenville Road. This comprised about 1200 acres. Not needing all of this for himself, he sold off various plots to

friends and relatives. The cost of the land per acre amounted to $1.50.

Keeping 280 acres of this land for himself, he established the Erb farm as it is known today bordering Cress Creek on the north. When he decided to quit farming, his son John Y. Erb took over. This happened in the late 1800's and continued until around 1907 when John W. Erb started farming. Due to the severe depression in the 1930's, it was a hard struggle to make enough to pay the interest on the debt, so in 1939 he sold off 160 acres which eventually ended up as the Cress Creek Commons as we know it today.

John W. married Estella Mahler and they raised four children: John, Marshall, Gladys and Ellis. Estella was active in the Church of the Brethren and was a charter member of the DuPage County Home Bureau. Joshua Erb had donated land for the Church of the Brethren and a cemetery, along with land for a school site in the 1860's. The school was known as the Erb School and continued operating until around 1944, when it was sold and moved to Naperville, to be used as a dwelling.

The farm is now in the hands of son Marshall and his wife Alice (Sigmund) and their children, Charles and Delores. It is their desire to keep it as a family farm as long as it is economically feasible. The Naperville Erbs are extremely proud of their heritage. Naperville and the community have been good to them.

Charles M. Erb

Charles M. Erb has called Naperville his home since his birth on December 14, 1942. He attended Naperville schools graduating in June 1962 from N.C.H.S. From 1962-1964 he worked in his fathers construction company and operated a small trucking business.

In 1964 he entered the U.S. Air Force and served in the Vietnam War with the 8th Tactical Fighter Squadron operating out of Thailand and was honorably discharged in June, 1968. He then formed a successful business known as Erb Earthmoving Inc. which is currently celebrating its 15th anniversary. In that same year (1968) he met and married the former Denise Ann Scully of Naperville. They now have three children, Danielle Leigh, born 11-27-69, Andrea Kay born 5-11-71, and Marshall Morgan born 5-25-75. These children are now the 6th generation of Erb's to live in Naperville on the homestead farm; and are proud their father is still tilling the soil their ancestors once worked many years ago.

John H. Feldott

John H. Feldotto was the son of Christopher Feldotto, a farmer in Verl Prussia, now Germany. He was born April 1, 1822 and married Theresa Hemerich, daughter of John Hemerich also of Verl and a farmer. As Mr. and Mrs. John Feldotto arrived in New York on October 29, 1852, they migrated to Naperville and John took his American citizenship papers in Naperville, Illinois, DuPage County, June 8, 1855. He could not write, so the clerk had him mark his X and the clerk signed his name as John Feldott, dropping the O. He left three brothers and two sisters in Verl along with their parents.

John and Theresa raised five boys and four girls: Henry, Anna, Mary, Joseph, Kate, Christian, William, John and Emma.

Henry married Ellen Lally and they had five children: Mary married Fred Weisbrook and they had five children; Edwin and wife Emma lived in Chicago; Evelyn and Art Milroy also had five children; Dr. Harry, a bone specialist at Hines Veteran Hospital, and his wife Luella had no children; Attorney Joseph lived in Aurora and married Helen Roeder and they raised four children: Henry, Joseph, Rita and Margaret.

Anna married Otto Weisbrook and bore him three children: Theresa (Joe Pettigene), Mary (Herman Holter), and Albert (Kathryn Kommes).

Mary married Herman Feuerborn and they had four children: Clara, Anna, Emma and George.

Joseph married Kate Mettel and had four children: Jenny (Ben Heitkotter), Leo (Estella Feuerborn), Francis (Mildred) and Raymond.

Kate and Tony Kames farmed around Batavia and raised eight children: twins Mary and Theresa, John, Edward, Joseph, George, and twins Emma and Evelyn.

Christian married Mary Feuerborn and they had three daughters: Zita (Walter Miller), Mary and Theresa operated the farm implement business until recent years on Wilson Avenue in Batavia.

John L. Feldott married Elizabeth Seppelfrick and raised five daughters and three sons. They farmed between Warrenville and Batavia on Feldott Road. Only one daughter married: Elizabeth to George Marcot and they live at Sandwich. Mary, Anna, Kate, Laura and Edwin live on Jericho Road west of Aurora, on one farm, while Chris and Evelyn (Piltz) live on another nearby.

Emma married William Brummel and they farmed northwest of Naperville. Six children.

Emma and William Feldott farmed northwest of Naperville. Six children were born to them: Andrew, Alfred, Kathryn, Louis, Leonard and Harry (deceased).

William M. Feldott

William M. Feldtott was born Sept. 14, 1866. He married Amelia Gartner, whose brothers John and Joseph, farmed south of Naperville. William and Amelia farmed north of Naperville at the end of River Road and Ferry Road on 160 acres. They raised six children: Gertrude, Anna, twins, Albert and Aloysius, Ralph and Emma.

William owned and operated the Feldott Garage on the corner of Main Street and Jackson Avenue (now the Riverwalk), in the early 1900's. It was operated as a livery stable and buggies and carriages were sold. This is also where the horse auctions were held every Saturday. When the auto was developed in the teens, William sold cars at that location until his death in 1929. His sons Albert and Aloysius, worked with him in the garage.

Gertrude married Frank Kuhn of Wheaton and they farmed on Blanchard Road just south of Wheaton. They raised five children: Harry, Marjery, Everet, Beatrice, and Vincent.

Anna married Louis Barkei and they farmed on Naperville-Wheaton Road and Warrenville Road now Bell Lab. They raised ten children: Gilbert, Mildred, Bernice, LeRoy, Paul, Elaine, Joan, Ruth, Marilyn and Dorothy.

Albert married Christine Lies and they had three children: Eugene (deceased), Berneida and Betty.

Aloysius married Marie Schwartz and they raised three children: Joann (Joe Fatout), Donald (Patricia Brown) and Robert. Aloysius is deceased and Marie lives in Florida with her daughter Joann and family.

Emma married Fred Helt and they farmed south of town until 1940. They raised four children: Edward, Marcella, Ruth and Donald.

Ralph M. Feldott

Ralph M. Feldott, son of William and Amelia Feldott, farmed on Ferry Road on the family farm. He married Alice Mahoski of Wheaton and farmed the Feldott homestead on Ferry Road until 1929, when the house burned down. They then moved to the Bill Ehrhart farm on Aurora Avenue which is now the Honda and Datson parking lot and Nabisco. From there they moved and farmed in Wheatland Township on Route 59, south of Naperville. They raised three children: William A.; Blanche and Gladys.

Blanche married Paul Laffey and they raised three boys and two girls. They live in Elston, Missouri.

Gladys is married to Frank Maley and lives in Delmar, New York. They have two girls and one boy.

Ralph M. operated one of the largest thrashing rigs north of Naperville, some years thrashing for six to eight weeks in the fall, covering twenty or more farms around Naperville. He had a 36-inch separator and a Case steam engine as a power, developing 50 horse power. Oats, barley and wheat were thrashed for neighboring farmers

William A. Feldott

William A. Feldott married Marilynn Jackson of Dundee, Illinois. He farmed with his father on the Ehrhart farm and the farm on Route 59. In 1947 he was awarded "Soybean King of Illinois" while farming on Route 59. They have five children: Michael and Mary (Gatecliff) live in Houston, Texas and have two sons: William M. and Brian. Mike is in consulting and management of hotels and restaurants. Jerome lives in Naperville and manages the Sports Bowl and works with his father on 20 acres west of town where they have a golf facility and farm 10 acres. Patricia is a paramedic for Broward County in Hollywood, Florida. Susan produces T.V. commercials in Hollywood, Florida, and her twin Steven, is a T.V. camera operator and video tape editor also in Hollywood, Florida.

Ferry Family

Great-great-grandfather, Sylvanius Ferry migrated from Whitehall, New York to Wabash Valley, Southern Indiana in 1837. Then in 1840 great-grandfather, Melancthon Ferry, under 21 years of age, rode a horse, driving three cows, following an immigrant wagon with his family to settle on what was the FERRY FARM, on the Northeast corner of Ferry Rd. and Rte. 59. At the time he paid $1.25 per acre to the government. In 1854 he bought another part of the Ferry Farm for $12.50 per acre. This was the site for the homestead.

It was farmed by Melancthon, his son, James Ira, George W. and his sons, Lorin and up until June 1971 by Elmer G. Ferry. It was also the childhood home of Lillis (Ferry) Hoover and Viola (Ferry) Avery.

The Ferry family members were always active in community activities and have been lifelong mem-

bers of Big Woods Congregational Church, also holding various offices in the church.

In early 1962, the Northern Illinois Gas Co. bought the land south of Ferry Road, which they widened and blacktopped and erected their offices and laboratories.

In 1971 the remaining portion of the farm including the homesite was resold to Continental Can Co. for their commercial usage but was never occupied until now. Early in 1982 it was again resold to Illinois Bell and it is to be used for research by them. To date no building or development has been made.

George Warren Ferry, born January 21, 1871 - died November 15, 1939; Mabel Boyd Ferry, born October 5, 1869 - died August 20, 1956, they were married February 27, 1895. Children were: Irvin Boyd, born May 4, 1896 - died April 24, 1913 (married, October 16, 1926 - Lloyd Steck); Lillis Mabel, born October 25, 1899 (married November 10, 1956 - M. Hoover); Elmer George, born August 29, 1905 (married June 24, 1961 - Elaine Bannister); Lorin L., born December 24, 1907 - died April 7, 1967; Viola Louisa, born January 16, 1912 (married June 8, 1933 - Jesse Avery).

George J. & Ann Fessler

Christian Fessler came to this country from Germany in 1868 at the age of 25.

Caroline Schmale was born in this country in Cook County, Illinois in 1849.

Christian Fessler and Caroline Schmale were married in DuPage County, on January 12, 1874.

Purchased from the government forty acres of land on Mack Road in Winfield, Illinois.

Purchased another forty acres of land from the government five years later, had a total of eighty acres, of farm land, and forest land on Mack Road which is now the DuPage County Forest Preserve.

The son of Christian and Caroline Fessler, George Fessler was born on this farm (Mack Road) on September 4, 1879 and his future wife Anna Wiesbrock was born November 6, 1877 on a farm which is now Warrenville and Wheaton High School, Wheaton, Illinois

They were married at SS Peter and Paul Church in Naperville, on February 3, 1903. They lived and farmed north of Naperville, which is now the subdivision of Cress Creek.

Firestein Family History

George Firestein was the son of Charles & Mary Daniels Firestein.

Charles, at 19 years of age, in 1855, sailed to America from Alsace-Lorraine, crossing the ocean in a sailboat. The voyage took 3 weeks. It is believed that Charles decided to come to the United States because he conscientiously objected to service in the Army of Napoleon III when the Second Empire was flexing military muscle in support of the British in the Crimea in protection of Christians in Palestine and in behalf of Italian emancipation.

Upon emigration to America, for whatever reason, he settled in DuPage Township, Will County, Illinois, just 6 miles south of Naperville, 1 mile west of the DuPage Presbyterian Church, where he resided, excepting for 1 year at nearby Wheaton, for 73 years. At Wheaton, he met Mary Daniels and married her on Christmas Day, 1861. Two years later he was naturalized as an American citizen. Mary Daniels was the daughter of William Daniels, who had been a gardener for the Queen of England. The Daniels family had sailed to America in 1849, moving to a 60-acre farm near Winfield, that is now a part of Cantigny farm owned by the late Col. Robert McCormick.

Charles and Mary Firestein had 9 children. Mary died in 1894. Charles farmed for more than 50 years, retiring from active work in 1902, but continued to live on the farm. He died August 29, 1928, at 93 years of age.

George Firestein bought 90 acres of his father Charles' farm and settled down to farming there all of his adult life. He married Hattie Crouch of Plainfield, Illinois, who had taught at the local school. He was born in 1870 and died on March 28, 1961, at 91 years of age. Hattie was born May 9, 1875, and died March 13, 1942. They had two children: Lloyd Firestein, who still lives on 5 acres of his father's farm — the rest having been sold. The Charles Firestein farm is still actively being farmed; having been sold after his death. Lloyd is now 80 years old this year. His sister, Helen Firestein Woolley, resides in Naperville, Ill.

The Firestein families were life-time members of the DuPage Presbyterian Church and held various church offices and participated in the workings of the church to a great extent.

Harry & Mae Foster

Harry Russell Foster was born in Waterloo, Iowa on his father's farm — they returned to Illinois which was his father's birth state when Harry was a young lad. His father remarried an Illinoisan and remained in Illinois until his death in 1931. So Harry finished his education in Downers Grove, Illinois schools and became a "town worker". After several years he met his wife to be, Mae E. Potter who by that time was becoming a well-known singer in Downers Grove, her birthplace and surrounding areas as well as Chicago. Six children were born. The surviving three are: Frances Foster Davis (Naperville), Howard Jonas Foster (Downers Grove) and Douglas James Foster (deceased 1961) family lives in Oswego.

The first farm in the Wheatland area was rented from (Ethel Eichelberger Latshaw) 1929 on 83rd Street. Once known in our time as Copenhagen Road. After a few years the Rica Heise farm was rented on 95th Street. They stayed there until it was time to retire. Harry still worked daywork around on different farms (he wasn't ready to really retire) and Mae was still great with her beautiful voice until her demise in 1960. Harry died in 1973. Their happiest years were the ones spent in Wheatland with all those wonderful Wheatland families.

Frank and Jennie Fraley

Frank and Jennie Fraley lived on the farm southwest of Naperville that is now known as Springbrook Golf Course. The farm had been in the family for six generations, from 1844 to 1969 (approximately).

Benjamin and Elizabeth Fralich (original surname - later changed to Fraley) came to Naperville in 1844 from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He bought the farm from his father-in-law, Adam Hartman. Their son, Jeremiah Fraley, married Mary Hartrunft in 1868 and they took over the farm. In 1879 they lost four of their children from diptheria within a space of sixteen days. Their baby daughter, Carrie, survived. Harve and Franklin were born in 1880 and 1883.

Carrie married Ed Eichelberger - farmed ½ mile south of Fraley farm; Harve married Charlotte Royce - farmed one mile west of Naperville on Oswego Road; Franklin married Jane (Jennie) McPherson - farmed the home place.

Jennie was the daughter of Alexander and Agnes Patterson McPherson (Thomas Patterson lineage). She was born in Cherokee, Iowa, but she and her mother moved back to the Wheatland area after her father's death. She attended Northwestern College (North Central) and taught at the Springbrook School on Plainfield Road for three years before her marriage in 1910. She and Frank attended the Salem Evangelical Church, now United Methodist. They were active in church, school and community affairs. Frank served on the Granger School board. He was instrumental in starting the Farm Bureau in DuPage County and they were charter members of the Rural Life Progress Club. They were married 57 years before his death in 1967. Jennie died in 1972. Five children were born to them: Mary Agnes (married Don Patterson, Tom Patterson); Olive (married Ken Davis, Paul Schillinger); Bruce (married Mary Jane Myers); Florence (married Gordon Gregory); Carolyn (married Charles Darfler).

Peter J. Frieders Family

Peter J. Frieders was born on March 17, 1889 on Church Road in Marywood, on the Draudt farm, the home of his maternal grandparents. Later the family moved to a lovely brick home, which his parents built, directly across from Annunciation Church, also in Marywood. Peter worked for his parents and himself on the farm until he was thrity-three years old.

On February 1, 1921 he married Elizabeth Mary Bohr and they lived on the home place for a year. Then they moved to a Brossman farm in Plainfield, which they rented for four years, then back to his father's farm, where they stayed only one year.

In 1925 Peter and Elizabeth purchased their 57½ acre farm on Route 34 from Joseph and Mary Blakinger, a daring step to take at that time. One year later they moved on the farm. By then several children had blessed their union and by all working together, they prospered. In 1939 they took on another challenge and purchased 35 acres directly across the road from the Steinmetz Brothers. This now made the farm pretty square.

Their farm was nestled between the Henry Reck farm on the west and the George Brauer farm on the east. Their closest neighbor was Hubert Rink. Other neighbors included the Dobbins, Stanbro, Charley Johnson, Oscar Reck, George Reck, John Theis, Leo Brummel, Charles Feakins (who managed the Frontenac Elevator), Leo Bermes, Gawarski, Hageman, Les Moon, Yackley, Binder

and Hauptfuehrer. These included all the families on Route 34 from what is now Hunters Run subdivision up to Granger School.

Some happy times with the above mentioned neighbors included threshing dinners and meetings, barn dances, gatherings at Granger School and ball games with neighborhood children. It was a close-knit neighborhood and when a farmer had trouble many willing hands were extended.

Peter and Elizabeth and their nine children worked hard and determinedly throughout the depression and the years following to pay for their farm. The day they paid the final payment on the mortgage was a major achievement in their lives.

Life was tough in those days by comparison with today. Electricity came to our part of the country about 1940. Peter was the first one to sign up for it in our vicinity. We thought we were millionaires with a single bare bulb to light our home. At Christmas we were estatic with our first lighted tree, a gift from the man who wired our home.

In 1959 Peter and Elizabeth purchased a farm on Route 30 where they lived until Peter's death on February 5, 1968, just short of his 79th birthday.

In 1959 the house on the Frieders farm on Route 34 was razed and a new house replaced it. At that time the farm was rented by their oldest son Ernest and his family who is at present renting the land from Metropolitan. Another son, Albert, also works several parcels of land in the Metropolitan area. The farm was sold by the family in 1971. It is now right in the middle of Fox Valley Villages. The new extension of Eola Road now runs through the Frieders farm. Elizabeth Frieders died February 18, 1983.

Their nine children have all married and presented Peter and Elizabeth with exactly fifty grandchildren and forty-six great-grandchildren. In order of age their children and spouses are: Jeanette married Carl Christoffel, 1 child; Elizabeth married Henry Baumann, 10 children; Pauline married Ralph Wackerlin, 9 children; Rita married Eugene Patterson, 4 children; Ernest married Dolores Schweisthal, 3 children; Albert married Norma Lewis, 7 children; Loretta married Joseph Spalding, 5 children; Marian married Raymond Bertrang, 8 children; Joseph married Patricia Midlock, 3 children. We are just one big happy family.

Joseph Gartner

Four generations of Gartners have lived on the family farm, 4½ miles southwest of Naperville on 87th Street, west of Modaff Road and east of Naperville-Plainfield Road.

Jacob Gartner was born September 18, 1831 and came to the United States in 1861 from Hess Co. Darmstadt, Germany, with two brothers, Adam and Valentine. He bought the farm from Lewis Moyer Sr. on February 18, 1880. He married Catherine Herbert Dieter on November 11, 1862. She was born on September 28, 1840 and came from Hess Co. Klenhausen, Germany. They were blessed with eleven children: Mike, Joseph, John, Frank, Edward, Anna (Schmeier), Emma (Amann), Mary (Diehl), Emelia (Feldott), Barbara (Brummel) and Julia (Schwartz).

Joseph Adam Gartner bought the farm from Jacob on September 9, 1913. He married Matilda Johanna Meyer on January 8, 1914 at SS Peter and Paul Church, West Bend, Iowa. Their children are: Bernadine, Alfred, Max, Morris, Delores (Sister Joselma), Claudine and Mary Ann (O'Rourke).

Max F. W. Gartner married Cecilia Marie Pattermann on June 7, 1941 at St. Isadores Church, Cloverdale, Illinois, DuPage County. They moved to the Gartner family farm in the summer of 1948. Here they raised their four children: Patricia (Cannon), Jerry, Richard and Max C. Max Sr. bought 5 acres with the buildings on February 21, 1958.

On April 10, 1974, the family of Joseph Gartner received notice from the DuPage County Forest Preserve "Intent to acquire farm land". On August 8, 1977 the Forest Preserve acquired by condemnation 75 acres (total of property left). A new home built in 1973 and 5 acres of the buildings remain on the original Gartner homestead.

The old smokehouse from the farm (102 years old), was donated and will be a permanent "Original" at the Naperville Settlement.

Gartner Road, Gartner Park and Gartner Bridge are named after the John Gartner family, that lived on the corner of Garnter Road and Modaff Road, where Saint Raphael Catholic Church was built.

John & Harriet Glover

In 1838 John Glover emigrated from England, and came to settle in the DuPage Township area, seven miles south of Naperville. He married Harriet Robey, who bore ten children; five of whom survived. They were as follows: Ada, wife of Julius Highland; Sarah, a resident of Naperville; James, a resident of Missouri; Mary, wife of John Murr; and William, of DuPage Township. William married Matilda Balstrode on March 9, 1885; and they became the parents of one child, John Glover. John

wed Amelia Westendorf, and they raised eight children: Mae, deceased; William and LeRoy, both of Warrenville; Eldon, deceased; Earl, a resident of Sheridan; Wesley and Glen, both of Naperville; and Stanley, a resident of Marseilles.

Greene Farms — 1843-1983

William Briggs Greene came to DuPage County from Rutland, Vermont in 1841. He worked on the farm of his uncle, Daniel Moon Greene, and taught school until he had saved $1,000, with which, in 1843, he purchased 200 acres of rich prairie and woodland along the east branch of the DuPage River. He cleared and plowed the land with oxen — the ox yoke is a family relic — and in 1845 returned to the east to marry Harriet Elizabeth Meeker.

Their honeymoon trip was made via the newly opened Erie Canal and the Great Lakes to Chicago, where they met the Bailey Hobsons and were driven by horse and wagon to the farm. A log cabin stood on the property, and William and Hattie lived in it until the central portion of "Oak Cottage" was built in 1850. Three children were born and died in childhood; three others lived to maturity: Laura, William Spencer and Gertrude.

Wheat, oats, hay and corn were the pioneer crops, all planted and harvested by hand. William's wooden grain cradle is another family relic. Oxen and horses were kept for work and transportation; pigs, sheep, chickens and cows were raised to provide food. Bees were kept for honey, and their descendents have bothered us ever since! Wood chopped by hand heated the stoves, fireplace, and smokehouse; ice cut in winter from ponds and stored, with straw for insulation, in the ice house provided refrigeration; candles and soap were made at home; and all produce was raised in gardens and orchards.

The Greene family helped to organize St. John's Episcopal Church in 1850, and William was a member of the Vestry when the "Carpenter Gothic" church structure was built in 1864. Later generations worked with the Heritage Society to save and move the building in 1970, when it became Century Chapel and a focal point of Naper Settlement.

William Spencer Greene succeeded to the management of the farm in 1880, married Jessie Hibbard of Chicago, and wings were added to Oak Cottage (five in all) to accommodate their growing family. Six children: Hibbard, Laura, William Bertram, Arthur, Marion, Grace — lived to adulthood, and the farm provided college educations for all. Three generations, plus hired help, lived in the house (sixteen at one time!) plus frequent visits of indefinite periods from family and friends.

Spencer added 150 acres to the farm and built the huge barn, hauling stone from Naperville quarries for the foundation. He was the first to build silos in DuPage County — not the modern concrete silo but a series of low, insulated, air-tight rooms which were filled in succession over a period of weeks with green corn — sileage. The sileage helped support a herd of 100 cows, which of course were milked by hand. The cans of milk were hauled by horse and wagon to Lisle each morning and shipped by train to Chicago for sale. Only once was a deadline missed!

Spencer promoted the graveling of Hobson Road and Greene Road, providing gravel from a pit on the farm. This reduced the time to reach Naperville from two to three hours in spring mud to 45 minutes in any weather!

By 1901 the telephone had arrived, followed later by gas and then electricity, modern plumbing, the tractor and milking machines.

The third generation of farm management was under Arthur Greene, from 1914 to the time of his death in 1939, resulting in further expansion and improvements. After Arthur's death, tenant farmers were employed, under the management of William Bertram Greene of Aurora. Grace, with husband Everett Brown and children Nancy and Tom, lived in Oak Cottage, following the family tradition of keeping open house for family and friends.

The farm operation ceased in 1965 with the auction of the dairy herd, and the fields were rented for sod farming until the sale of the farm in 1972. Half was sold to the DuPage County Forest Preserve, and the resulting area south to the Will County line is named the Greene Valley Forest Preserve.

Grace lived at Oak Cottage until her death in 1981, when it reverted to Forest Preserve ownership. It is hoped that the house will be preserved as a museum or for similar use and that the barn, with its horse and cow weathervanes atop the cupolas, will also remain as the landmark that it is.

1983 marks the end of an era for the Greene family and for Oak Cottage, concurrent with the end of farming as a vital force in DuPage County. Let us not forget!

Harry R. and Gretchen Gregory

Harry Reynolds Gregory was born in Birchinol, Iowa on September 19, 1887. On February 11, 1913, he married Gretchen Keeler, who was born in Money Creek, Minnesota on December 1, 1891. They met when she was attending Normal School in Mason City, Iowa. She began teaching at the age of 18 in a country school before their marriage. Their wedding trip brought them to Wheaton, Illinois when they started farming. Harry rode in the cattle car with his cows and Gretchen rode in the passenger car. In 1929 they moved to the farm west of Naperville, at the northwest and southwest corners of Route 59 and Aurora Avenue (now New York Street). This property is now Fox Valley Shopping Center.

During the depression the Gregorys tried various enterprises to help make ends meet. They butchered and sold sausage by the pound in offices in Chicago. Also they raised peonies and sold the flowers in the spring and the roots in the fall. These jobs benefited the community. Six children were born to them: Kermit, Gordon, Everett, Harry (killed in World War II), Eleanor and Larry. A niece Ruth Rowe Gregory Erb, was raised by the Gregory family.

Harry was a progressive farmer interested in new ideas. During the 1930's he heard about the development of hybrid seed corn. He had the first acre grown in Northern Illinois on his farm. The following year he planted 5 acres, which led to the formation of Pfiester Associated Growers. This company has since evolved into Agrinetics. He served on the board of Edward Hospital, the Rural Fire District board and was also President of the DuPage County Farm Bureau. Harry R. Gregory died on March 5, 1968.

Gretchen Gregory served on the Edward Hospital Auxiliary, the Wheatland Salem U.M. Church as a Sunday School teacher and the Womens' Group and the Homemakers Extension Association, as well as her family and friends. She passed away on July 21, 1980.

Gordon and Florence Gregory

Gordon Arthur Gregory was born in Wheaton on May 8, 1916, the son of Harry and Gretchen Gregory. Florence Fraley was born on January 23, 1925, on the Fraley farm. They met at church and were married August 28, 1945, right after the war. They ran the Gregory farm with his parents for 27 years. Four children were born to them: Harry, Phillip, Carol and Joe. Harry and Lori have two boys, Aaron and Jason. Phil has two girls, Jennifer and Melissa. Carol and Mike Kucera have Lisa and Joshua. Joe is in college.

Gordon served the church and the community. He was a 4-H leader for 15 years, a Sunday School Superintendent, on the school board 25 years, on the DuPage County Fair board, the Rural Fire District board and the Lions Club. He was also a graduate of the University of Illinois.

Gordon Arthur Gregory died from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis on April 19, 1982. He will long be remembered for his love of God, his Christian example in adversity and his concern for others.

Homer Burton Grommon

Homer Burton Grommon came to live on the Mungo Patterson farm, located on Book Road, 7 miles south of Naperville, when just a young boy. He was described as a thin, pale city boy who could outrun anyone in school. Mungo Patterson started farming on this prairie land in 1845.

Homer attended the country school and proved to be an apt pupil and was well liked by his peers and the Patterson Family.

When he was 21 years old he married Agnes Clow Patterson, youngest daughter of Mungo Patterson and took over the operation of the farm. Mr. Patterson had retired from active participation some years before. Three children were born: Sarah Lucia Grommon—unmarried, Frank P., and Agnes Clow Grommon (Mrs. Frank Boughton). His wife died giving birth to Agnes. Later he married Nellie Agnes Wightman. One daughter, Helen W. Grommon was born. She married Frederick F. Webster. Helen is a retired school teacher. They had three children: Sarah Webster (Mrs. Franz Wassermann) Frederick G. Webster and John F. Webster. Helen, still living, resides with her son Frederick, in Xenia, Ohio.

Mr. Grommon proved to be a good farmer and astute businessman—always looking for better ways to do things. He planned and installed a drainage system that made the slough on the 80 acres at the N.W. corner of Book Road and 104th Street useable farm land. He first plowed the virgin prairie on that 80 acres. He and a brother-in-law, John Patterson, who had drained his own farm in Indi-

ana, were called upon to direct another project in the county (The Lile Casche).

His interest in business extended beyond farming—for years he belonged to an organization of businessmen interested in developing better means of transportation. His interest centered on transporting farm products, from cattle to carrots.

He was on the board of directors of at least one company and for years was President of the National Grain Dealers Association.

His civic duties included many years on the Will County Board as Supervisor of Wheatland Township and Chairman of the Draft Board in World War I.

He later served as chairman of a Citizens Committee investigating corruption in County Government. He received much criticism for his integrity, which did not permit leniency toward those of his political persuasion.

He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of DuPage — serving as trustee and chairman of the building committee when the sanctuary was built in 1908.

Upon his retirement from farming, his son Frank P. Grommon took over the farming operation. When Frank P. married Grace Lambert they moved on the adjoining farm to the east on 104th Street, that was formerly owned by Adam and Fannie Patterson. They had four children. Homer L., Mary (Mrs. Harold Schrader), George W. and Sarah, who died at age 9.

The original Patterson-Grommon Farm was later operated by Frank Boughton and wife Agnes. They had no children. Homer Burton resided on this farm with his daughter Sarah, until his death in 1940. The farm was later sold to Walter Boughton who in turn sold it to the Fry Bros. for subdivision. Homer's great-grandson Richard L., son of George, lives with his family in this subdivision on the corner of Grommon Road and Roberts Drive.

Frank P., son of Homer, now carried on the farming operation with the help of his two sons. In 1936 Homer L. married Mary Boughton and started farming on his own on the Avery Lambert farm. Three children were born: Sandra (Mrs. Don Korach) Larry L. and Dennis G. Grommon. After his wife's death Homer L. married the 2nd time, Margret Williams. Homer L. now is retired and his son Larry is carrying on the farming tradition.

A few years after son George married Henrietta Lipscomb, Frank retired from active farm participation but remained active in the cattle purchasing department. He now turned the farm operation over to George, with he and Grace living in the farm home until his death in 1969. Upon his death Grace moved to Naperville to live with her daughter Mary, until her death in 1977. The farm home since then has been rented out. Mary and Harold Schrader have two children: Carol Lee (Mrs. Dave Cole) and Robert F. Schrader.

George W. still operates the family farm on 104th Street. He and Henrietta have three children: Dona (Mrs. James Stewart), Gary G., and Richard L. Grommon. Upon completion of service in the army Richard and Gary both joined their father in farming and a partnership was formed being known as the G.R.G. Grommon Farms. They expanded their partnership by renting more farm land along with the family farm now owned by Homer L., Mary and George. As of the end of 1982 George will retire from active participation and his sons will continue the G.R.G. Grommon partnership.

A fifth generation of Grommon farmers are coming up. Barry, son of Larry and grandson of Homer L. spends as much time as possible on the farm with his dad learning the traits of farming. Mark, son of Gary and grandson of George, works with the partnership when work availability is there. Richard's son Kenneth, age 6, insists he is going to be a farmer. Who knows, perhaps the three younger Gromon boys will continue in their ancestors' footsteps and keep the farming occupation alive. We all hope so.

Fritz Hagemann

John Frederic Andrew (Fritz) Hagemann was born May 10, 1850 in Cantnitz Mecklenberg, Strelitz, Germany, the son of Charles Hagemann and his wife, Dora, nee Mansel.

From 1871 to 1873 he served in the German Army. In 1873 he married Dorothea Benzen, who was born in Germany, December 22, 1957.

They emigrated to the United States in 1883 with their son Fred (1877-1941) and settled on the Burckal farm on Warrenville Road, northeast of Naperville. They became faithful members of St. John's Evangelical Church, and attended church regularly. Fritz was one of the first to join the Brotherhood League of the church and rarely missed a meeting.

Fritz and Dorothea were blessed with two more sons: Frank (1883-1957) and Herman (1888-1968) and two daughters, Marie (1886-1954) husband

Robert Long and Anna (1891-1964) husband Fred Born.

About this time the family moved to the Bailey Hobson farm on Hobson Road, where they lived until the parents purchased the house at 19 N. Mill Street, Naperville, and moved into town.

In 1907 Fritz bought the farm on Plank Road, where their son Frank moved and started a dairy and grain farm.

Dorothea died May 31, 1920, and Fritz married Mrs. Mary Kerth on October 2, 1920. She was born December 26, 1884. They lived in the house on Mill Street where Fritz passed away November 4, 1936. Mary died on December 24, 1953.

Frank Hagemann Sr.

Frank C. Hagemann Sr. was born February 18, 1883 in Lisle Township. He married Ella Leonhardt on February 13, 1908. Ella was born January 24, 1889 and she lived in Lemont, Illinois with her parents Jasper and Magdeline nee Ritzentower, Leonhardt. They lived on the farm on Plank Road, where Frank formerly lived alone.

They were members of St. John's Lutheran Church. Through their industrious and diligent work, the farm prospered.

Frank & Ella were the parents of five boys: Frank Jr., Fred, Walter, Herman and Wilbert.

Every day Frank hitched a team of horses to his wagon and hauled the milk to the Burlington railroad station milk depot in Naperville, where it was loaded onto the train and taken to Chicago. Later on he hauled the milk in his truck to the Union Dairy in Lisle, Illinois.

In 1939, after his father Fritz died, Frank Sr. and Ella purchased the farm from the estate.

In 1952 they bought the house at 19 N. Mill Street, and followed the tradition of moving to town upon retirement. Son, Walter, took over the operation of the farm.

Frank Sr. passed away October 31, 1957 and Ella died May 9, 1968.

Walter Hagemann

Walter Elmer Hagemann was born October 27, 1920 in Naperville, the son of Frank Sr. and Ella Hagemann. He married Bonnie Evelyn Campbell of Danville, Illinois on November 23, 1944. They were blessed with two daughters, Constance Louise and Jennifer Lynn. Connie is married to Steve Pattermann and has two children, Vikki Highland and Andrew Highland.

Walt and Bonnie moved to the Hagemann farm when his parents moved to town. They are members of the Wesley Methodist Church. He is also a member of the Loyal Order of Moose #1290 and is Vice President of the board of directors of the DuPage County Farm Bureau, and is a member of the board of directors of the DuPage County Fair Association.

In 1977 Walt retired from farming and sold his farm machinery at a public auction. He then went to work at Agrinetics in Naperville and he and Bonnie purchased their home overlooking the DuPage River on Riverview Drive, and moved to town.

The farm on Plank Road was sold and is now the Colony subdivision. At the top of the hill a street called Hagemann Court, will occupy the sight where the house and farm buildings once stood.

The five Hagemann brothers, their wives, children and grandchildren have fond memories of the Hagemann farm on Plank Road.

Wilbert F. and Ruth Hageman

Wilbert Hageman, the youngest son of Frank and Ella Hagemann, was born on July 25, 1930 in Aurora, Illinois. He attended Ellsworth Elementary School and Naperville High School. On July 14, 1949 he married Ruth Drendel, daughter of Paul and Lillian Drendel of Naperville. The first year of marriage he worked for Gordon Gregory and they lived on the Harry Gregory farm. In May of 1950 they moved to the apartment above the Frank Hagemann farm house, when Wilbert started driving a farm route milk truck. This was his occupation for 22 years. During these years he was a manager for Little League baseball for eleven years, and his All-Star team won the Illinois State Championship in 1963. The Pony League also had his services for four years.

In 1971 he sold the milk truck and route and took over the management of Kearns Feed and Supply Store on Ogden Avenue where he is presently employed.

Wilbert and Ruth bought 4 acres on Oswego Road in 1974 and raise sheep, chickens, ducks and turkeys. He is co-chairman of the Farmers Riverwalk Project and the first Farmers Pig Roast was held on their property. They also helped plan and carry out the second Pig Roast which was held on M.M. Erb's property.

He is on the board of directors of the DuPag

County Fair and on the DuPage Ag and Executive Councils.

They have four children: Steven and wife Kathy (Isbrandt) have two children, Miranda and Britton, and live on ten acres in Plainfield.

Karen and Michael Branhill live in Lombard with children Jerry, Sean, Angela and Melanie.

Marjorie and Bruce Hornback and children Todd and Beth reside in Boulder Hill.

Martin lives and is employed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Herman & Anna Hageman

Herman Hageman, son of Fritz and Dorothea Hagemann, married Anna Gress on Nov. 11, 1911. They lived on the Burckal farm on Warrenville Road for 3 years. In 1914 they moved to the Hobson farm on Hobson Road, and lived there for 5 years. The Emma T. Wood farm was their next move in 1918, and they bought the farm in 1949. They had 25 dairy cows, fed steers, raised hogs, chickens, ducks and geese; at one time they even had goats. When they retired in 1955, they built a little Cape Cod house on the farm.

Herman passed away on June 17, 1968, and Anna still resides in her house on the farm. Their son Delbert works the farm since his parents retired.

To this union were born five children: Maybelle (deceased), Dorothy (Arthur Staffeldt), Clara (LaVern Jackson), Delbert (Beverly Baish) and Bernice (Ken Yeater). There are 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

John & Mabel Hagemann

Born on June 6, 1896, Ernest John was the son of Ernest Sr. & Johanna Hagemann. He married Mabel Mueller on November 20, 1918, and started farming on his father's farm on Boughton Road, 1½ miles east of Naperville Road. They moved to Naperville in 1924 and lived on Webster Street until they moved to the Jungels farm ¾ of a mile east of Naperville Road on 107th Street in 1927. From there, they moved on the Gordon farm, ¼ mile east of Naperville Road on 107th Street in 1929, then on the Mueller farm on Naperville Boulevard between River Oaks & Timber Trail in 1930. They then bought the Sheldon farm in 1943, on the Will & DuPage County line. This is now 87th Street between Book Road & Naperville — Plainfield Road. They retired in 1960 and moved to 313 W. Franklin Avenue in Naperville. John died June 14, 1965 and his wife moved to Plano, Illinois.

Their son Clayton J. attended Gordon School for 4 years, Hobson School for 4 years and Naperville High School for 1 year. He married Ann Marie Dedinsky on August 24, 1945. Clayton farmed on Eldamain Road in Plano, Illinois. They have three children. Carol and David Stathis have two sons. Daughter Pat and son Larry are single.

Son Kenneth F. attended Hobson School 8 years and Naperville High School 2 years. He and Florabelle Fitch were married June 2, 1951 and they also farmed on Eldamain Road next to the farm Clayton worked. They have 3 children: Kenneth, Susan Huston and Thomas.

H. Hammerschmidt — E. Von Oven

Herman Hammerschmidt (1830-1910) and his brother-in-law, Ernst Von Oven (1835-1906) were among the pioneer settlers in Naperville Township.

Their properties, along with those of Adolph and Conrad Hammerschmidt, are plotted on an 1874 Naperville Township map (page 2) of "Combination Map & Atlas of DuPage Co." published by Thompson Bros. & Burr, Elgin, Illinois.

Herman Hammerschmidt and an elder brother, Adolph (1827-1914) arrived in Naperville on August 15, 1848.

Ernst Von Oven, his younger brother, Adelbert (1842-1929) and Conrad Hammerschmidt (1839-1918) came to the same region in 1857.

The Hammerschmidt-Von Oven connection had its roots in Westphalia, Prussia during the youthful years of a previous generation.

The elder Hammerschmidt and Von Oven were classmates at Halle University where Hammerschmidt was a theology student and Von Oven became "an Gütspächter".

Friedrich Wilhelm Maximilian Hammerschmidt (1797-1867) who as a 17-year-old student had fought in the Battles of Ligny and Waterloo under Gen. Blücher, had been born in Schwelm, the son of an Evangelical Lutheran pastor. After his marriage, young Pastor Hammerschmidt served a church in Altena, Westphalia until being appointed Consistorial Räth in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Münster in 1846. The couple's three sons who migrated to the United States, as well as two other sons (one a Doctor of Medicine, the other a

pastor) and a daughter were all born in Altena, Westphalia.

The senior Von Oven became manager of the huge Brüch estate near Hättingen, Westphalia on the Ruhr River. He married in 1802. Five sons and five daughters were born to the couple. It was on this estate that young Adolph Hammerschmidt served "apprenticeship" as a student of agriculture. It was here also that Adolph met the Von Oven's eldest daughter, Adeline (1829-1905) to whom he was engaged by the time the brothers Herman and Adolph Hammerschmidt were ready to leave their homeland.

"Memoirs of Youth", authored in later years by Adolph Hammerschmidt, contains recollections of the preparation which the two young men (Herman & Adolph) made prior to departing from the Fatherland which was torn by political strife in those years. They studied the English language, they learned all they could about farming, they fulfilled certain military obligations. Finally they made application for permits to leave the country and departed on the SS. *HERMAN* from the port of Bremen.

Enroute to New York they had opportunities of discussing various advantages offered in different parts of the midwest. They spent some time in New York as they had letters of introduction from their father to a Rev. Rauschenbusch whom they were not able to contact. They discussed at some length the possibility of going to Tennessee but were finally persuaded that Illinois offered other challenges.

In company of one Carl Brause they traveled by steamer to Albany, made rail connections to Buffalo where they boarded a lake steamer and after five days arrived (via the Straits of Mackinaw) in Chicago.

The young men rode with Brause in a wagon hired in a livery-stable to "a typical American inn" in Naperville. There they met Brause's friend, one William Preiswerk, son of a wealthy Swiss merchant who was seeking his fortune in this country.

In company of Preiswerk, Herman and Adolph Hammerschmidt explored the Naperville vicinity and in a week's time took a position with an area farmer so as to become acquainted with American methods of farming.

They lived with Captain Morris Sleight, a large landowner; later Herman became associated with Joseph Granger working on his farm.

By the following year they acquired property of their own (section 22). They prepared the little log cabin on the farmlands so that they were able to host numerous of their fellow countrymen and relatives who were migrating to the United States seeking freedom which was not theirs since Europe was embroiled in internal strife in the fifties and sixties of the 19th century.

By the summer of 1852 the two young men had completed a farmhouse and added more barns for livestock and equipment. Then Adolph went to the port of New York where he met his fiance who came to the country in company of a younger sister, Emma (1833-1933). The couple was married Sept. 4, 1852 in Brooklyn, N.Y. and the three young people made their way back to the farm in Naperville.

Herman farmed for a time west of "Granger's Corners" on Oswego Road before acquiring acreage on the north side of Aurora Road west of the present Route 59 where there was a farmhouse, barns and sheds and later an orchard, vegetable and flower gardens. The property on the south side of Aurora Road (present entrance to Fox Valley Shopping Center!) east to the corner and south along the West Chicago-Plainfield Road (Route 59) was planted with crops of corn, wheat, etc.

H. Hammerschmidt and Emma Von Oven were married in Naperville, May 1, 1856. They raised and educated in the nearby country school and later in Naperville Academy, 10 children. He became a naturalized American citizen in November following marriage; the following year the family was listed among the chartering members of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Naperville.

During his 44 years of active farming, Herman Hammerschmidt also served as school trustee (three daughters: Caroline, Bertha and Emma taught in the nearby "country school" about a mile east of Route 59 on Aurora Road); an assessor; and a personal counselor by assisting friends and neighbors in settling estates.

In 1902 H.H. sold the farm (to Wiesbrook) and the family purchased a home on Brainard Street (for $3,000). It brought them across the street from his old friend, B.B. Boecker, who had become his son-in-law in 1887. The home remains in the family name having become the property of M.R.&M. Hammersmith in 1962 upon the death of the last surviving member of the second generation, Bertha (1869-1962). Emma (nee Von Oven) Hammerschmidt lived until one week past her 100th birthday. At the time of her death, nine children survived her.

The children of Herman and Emma (nee Von Oven) Hammerschmidt were: Paul (1857-1937) married Louise Knox in Milwaukee where he was a businessman, banker and artist; Emilie (1859-1919) married in 1887 to B.B. Boecker (1840-1907), coal and grain dealer, lived in Naperville; Philip (1861-1959) married to Clara Hanson; business associate of his brother, Carl, in Chicago, lived

in Naperville; Caroline (1865-1953) teacher in Chicago public schools until 1931 retirement, lived in Chicago and Naperville; Bertha (1869-1962) homemaker and artist, Naperville; Antonie (1867-1960) homemaker and musician, Naperville; Herman (1870-1957) married Nellie Coxe in Milwaukee where he was a jeweler as well as watch inspector for the Milwaukee as well as Northwestern RR.'s; Emma (1872-1961) married Roy Allen Mather of Naperville, a civil engineer, lived in Sewickley, Pennsylvania and Pittsburg area; Elsie (1874-1958) married Charles Woodward Lamb, Milwaukee journalist; Carl (1878-1941) married Mabel Fitzgerald in Milwaukee; owned and operated Hammersmith Engraving Co., Chicago; resided first in Hinsdale, Illinois and after his wife's death, moved in 1930 with his three daughters to his mother's home on Brainard Street, Naperville.

Fred Hatch

The Fred Hatch family moved to Naperville in 1938 from Flossmoor, Illinois. He bought the farm from Frank Jones. Mr. Jones had sold the farm several times before but the land had returned to him with foreclosures.

Mr. Fred Hatch paid $80.00 per acre for the 90 acre site, he planned to use for feeding cattle. Mr. Hatch was a cattle broker at the Chicago Union Stockyards. The volume of cattle on the farm rose until 1,000 cattle were being fed at one time. This was the largest cattle feeding operation in DuPage Co. Cattle were fed and the farm was worked from 1938-1969. Though Mr. Hatch managed and accomplished some of the farm work himself, he continued his business career at the Chicago Union Stockyards. He was President of the Livestock Exchange for 7 years. Eventually he retired from his business in 1969 which Eldon continued to operate until the Yards closed in 1971.

The large colonial 10 room brick house had been built by a doctor around the Civil War era. The Hatch family found many surgical instruments, needles and medical equipment in the house walls when they remodeled. Today the site of the original house may be seen surrounded by trees that the family planted. It is located at the intersection of Mill Street and the East-West Tollway, the northeast corner, on land which now belongs to the Amoco Research Center.

Fred and Blanche Hatch moved to the farm during the spring of 1938 with their children, Gloria, Joyce and Eldon. All three were enrolled in the Erb School. This one room house lasted until each of the children had completed grade seven. The school was located on Warrenville Road, 1 mile south of the (East-West Tollway # 5) Hatch farm. After Erb School, Gloria attended Naperville High School, graduating in 1945. She continued at North Central College. Joyce followed graduating in 1947, then Eldon completed NHS in 1949. He continued at Northwestern University. (Eldon's graduation was 30 years prior to that of his daughter Meredith in 1979.)

In the late 1960's Fred and Blanche sold their farm to Standard Oil Co. prior to their retirement in Green Lake, Wisconsin and Naples, Florida. Blanche was deceased in 1979 followed by Fred in 1980.

Gloria Hatch Mathers lives in Green Lake, Wisconsin. Joyce Hatch lives in Delray Beach, Florida and Eldon Hatch continues to be at home in Naperville.

Hobson Mill - Hobson School

In 1843, the first little school for District 3 was erected on the Goodrich farm, site now of the Goodrich Forest Preserve. Its cost of less than $100 was borne by eight shareholders.

In 1867, District 3 and District 6 were consolidated, and a new school — still only one room — was built on another site. Named "Hobson Mill School", it stood west of the DuPage River, between Hobson Road and what is now 75th Street. Charles H. Goodrich, S.A. Ballou and John Hobson were elected directors. Four generations of the Goodriches were associated with the school.

The little frame school house served until 1928, when a brick building was erected, designated only as "Hobson School". It was built on Hobson Road, very close to the site of the first school, and adjoining the Goodrich farm. It had one large room and a small library room. There was a large basement room also, used for activities. The school served the district until it closed in 1958. Today, the building accommodates the Hobson Cooperative Nursery School. It was also there that the Little Friends School was founded.

Hobson School, through the years, served many of the well-known farm families of the area. Some of the names were Goodrich, Book, Clow, Diehl, Fender, Krumman, Kuhn, Lisson, Meisinger, Oelson, Rott, Schultz, Seppelfrick, Sprague, Siebert, Staffeldt and Hagemann. Many of the school's pupils are still residents of this area.

In September of 1982, a reunion of former students was held for the very first time.

Farming History of the Jordon Family in Naperville

Richard Jordan moved to Naperville from Chicago about 1900. In 1904, he married Marie Volkens also a Chicago resident. They moved to a farm on Ogden Avenue near Lisle where Western Electric is today. In 1916, they moved to the Heynan farm on Chicago Avenue. It was here they adopted Clifford. Around 1920, they moved to the John Rickert (Book) farm on 75th Street. About 1924, the family moved to Buffalo, New York where Richard took a job in a horseshoe factory. They did not adjust to New York and the confines of city life. Therefore, two years later, they returned to Naperville and the Rickert/Book farm. It was here in February of 1930 that Marie Jordan died. After her death, Richard and Clifford moved to the Charlie Diehl farm near St. Procopius College (Illinois Benedictine).

This was the last farm on which we lived.

This information was given to us by Dad's cousins, Mildred and Bill Hair, who also farmed in Naperville with their parents Richard and Amanda Volkens Hair.

Ralph Kampmeyer Family

John Kampmeyer was born in Germany in 1849, and died in 1912. He came to America and settled near Elgin, Illinois. He married Elizabeth (Weisbrook). They had four children: Mattie born in 1881 and John born in 1886, both died in 1889 (influenza). Kathryn born in 1878 and died in 1966 and Elmer born in 1883 and died in 1959. All are buried in St. Peter and Paul Cemetary, Naperville. In 1911 Elmer married Ella (Strauley) and lived in Naperville. In 1912 they moved to a farm on Hobson Road. They had three children: Ralph born July 4, 1912, Elizabeth and Marjorie..

Ralph married Isabelle (Meyer) on September 9, 1939. They lived on Southport St. in Lisle for one year. In 1940 he began managing the farm at St. Joseph Orphanage, Lisle. He was a dairy farmer and raised a purebred herd of Brown Swiss. He was very proud of the herd and showed the cattle at many International, State and County Fairs. They had two children: Diann Brown resides in Lisle, Illinois and is a Manager with Illinois Bell Telephone Company. Jack (wife Pat White) lives on a dairy farm in Colby, Wisconsin with their two children Suzi and Patrick. Ralph passed away on June 24, 1966. His wife, Isabelle, remarried (Frank Straka) in 1974. They reside in North Aurora, Illinois.

Edward T. and Mary K. Kearns

The Kearns family on River Road dates back around 1852. The land was purchased by William Kearns, who migrated from Ireland in 1848. He arrived in New York with no friends, fifteen years old and fifteen cents left after he paid for his voyage. He was born in Belfast, Ireland on June 10, 1833.

He worked on a ferry boat on the Hudson for awhile, then migrated to Detroit, Michigan. From there he went to Chicago and then to Wheaton, where he worked as a wood chopper. With his first $500, he bought some land about a mile south of Warrenville on River Road and started farming. Eventually he acquired over 300 acres. He also loved horses besides his land.

He married Ellen Dady and they had three children: William, who died as an infant, Anna and Edward. Edward and his wife Mary (Kohley) and eight children farmed the land after his father retired. The children were William A., Charlotte (Donner), Alice (Otterpohl, deceased), Anna (deceased), Marion (Adams, Edward, deceased), Wilhelmina (Ulrich) and Laura (deceased), William died in 1915.

William A. Kearns was the last to farm the land. Since then the toll-way and industry have taken over the land that once belonged to the Kearns family.

As a family they went through the Depression and had their lean years, but on the whole they felt they were better for it. The family had a very close relationship that meant a lot to all of them.

William A. and Amalia Kearns

William A. Kearns was born July 2, 1896, the son of Edward and Mary Kearns. He married Amalia Baumgertner on November 16, 1920 and they lived in Naperville for a year and a half. They then moved to the homestead on River Road a short distance from his parents. They were members of St. Irene Church in Warrenville, Illinois. William died on June 29, 1963 and Amalia died on October

17, 1980.

Six children were born to them: James and Geraldine (Petry) have no children. They live in Naperville. Marjorie and N. Edward Konsbruck have five children. Melody and Harlan Bower are the parents of Harlan and Sandra. Vickey Evans has two children: Charles and Tracy. Gail is married to Dan Lulling. Nicholas Konsbruck has a son, Nicholas Jr. Mark Konsbruck is single. Marjorie and Ed live in Batavia.

Mary Jane and Edwin Drafke have two children and four grandchildren. Edward and Kay (Springborn) have a boy, Edwin and a girl, Sarah. Jane and Natail Amadeo are the parents of Nataile and Anthony. Mary Jane and Ed, live in Warrenville.

Ruth was married to Harold Wright (deceased) and they had no children. She then married Robert Heckman (deceased) and they had three children, Robann, Rita and Richard. Ruth has one granddaughter, Rebecca. Ruth lives in Earlville.

Kathryn and Harlan Beatty have ten children: Kenneth, Linda (Ronald Leonard), Daniel, Wanda, Lawrence (Carol Vaklyes), Robert (Janis Brudi), Mary Lou (William Horrell), Anna Mae and Bonnie. They also are the grandparents of twelve: Brian, Shirl and Kenneth Beatty, Rene and Ryan Leonard, Jason and Daniel Beatty, Linsey Beatty and William Jr., Brandon and Robert Horrell. Katy and "Tex" live in West Chicago.

William T. and Barbara (Moore) had fourteen children: Doris (John Frohn), William (deceased) was married to Diana Craig, Michael (Deborah Kuhr), David (Mary Lou Staffeldt), Catherine (Howard Gehrke), John, Frank, JoAnn (Larry Borhart), Lori, James, Kimberly, twins Philip and Phyllis and Bernard. Bill and Barb live in Monroe, Wisconsin and have fifteen grandchildren. They are: Heather, John and Thomas Frohn, William, Kristi, Angela and Richard Kearns, David, Patrick and Scott Kearns, Carollyn, Mathew, Stefanie and Kevin Gehrke and Rachel Borhart.

Adam & Barbara Keller

Adam Keller came to this country and to Naperville in 1852 at the age of 21. He came from Bavaria, Germany. Adam Keller worked in a Naperville Brewery for a very short time. Then he went to work on a farm owned by Hiram Fowler. In 1860 he (Adam) married Barbara Weigand, a native of Bavaria, Germany, who lived on a farm south of Lombard, Illinois. After their marriage they rented and worked 3 farms. Shortly after, they bought a farm on River Road about 3 to 3½ miles northwest of Naperville. The farm became known as "Riverview" Farm. When Adam came to Naperville he was $9.00 in debt. For several years he was road commissioner and later he was supervisor of the township. Adam & Barbara Keller had 9 children: 2 boys and 7 girls. Their names were: George, Anna, Mary, Eva, Emma, Laura, Alma, Bertha, Frank.

Frank & Nora Keller

Frank Keller (born in 1879) was the youngest son of Adam & Barbara Keller. Frank attended a country school. Several years after graduating from 8th grade, he took a business course at Northwestern College (now North Central College). Upon completion of the course, Frank worked at the Naperville National Bank as an assistant cashier. On June 8, 1905, he married Eleanora Bapst. She was a daughter of Joseph & Maggie Bapst. The Bapsts owned & operated a grocery store & bakery on the northwest corner of Benten & Washington Street. Several years later Frank's health began to fail. He was advised by his doctor to give up the inside job & work outside. So, he quit the bank work. He bought a farm, (from his mother) 3 miles east of Naperville on what is now Ogden Avenue. Frank died in 1950 & Nora in 1963. They were blessed with 6 children: namely Margaret, Frank, Eleanora, Adam, Alice & Mary.

Frank & Mary Keller & Family

Frank, the oldest son of Frank & Nora Keller, attended S.S. Peter & Paul School in Naperville, Illinois. After graduating from there, he attended Naperville High School for 4 years. After graduating from there he worked on the farm with his father. On June 8, 1940, he married Mary Klein. She was a daughter of Nicholas & Barbara Klein. Frank & Mary had 4 children: namely Frank, Barbara, Raymond & Mary Anne. Frank, the husband of Nora passed away in April of 1950. For several years Frank rented & operated the farm. A short time later Frank purchased the farm from his mother — Nora Keller. Nora passed away in December of 1963. In 1965 the farm was sold for subdivision. Then Frank & Mary purchased land in Will County on 95th Street. In the late fall Frank & Mary & family moved to their new farms, south of Naperville, Illinois. Frank was President of the "Noisy Six" card club in Naperville, Illinois.

Philip and Ellen Kelley

Philip and Ellen Kelley came to a 80 acre farm located at 75th Street and Modaff Road in March of 1955. They lived there until March of 1961. They would still be there if Moser had not bought their farm. Three of their children came with them in 1955. Phyllis, Ellen and Michael, their oldest son, John, was drafted into the Navy in 1954.

Their daughters Phyllis and Ellen were married while they were living on the farm. Phyllis is now living in Lombard and Ellen in Winfield. John is a Navy Captian in the Dental Corp and is assigned to the Marine Corp Recruitment Depot in San Diego California. Michael is a Navy Commander in the Dental Corp and is assigned to the Norfolks, Virginia Naval Depot.

Joseph Kling

Joseph Kling was born December 15, 1835, on a farm near Mulhouse, Alsace, Germany. He married Caroline Frich and they had sixteen children, eleven of which died of diptheria. In April of 1872, Joseph and Caroline, with remaining children, Caroline, Joseph II, Eugene, Benjamin and Albert, came to the United States. The family settled on a farm near Naperville, south of town.

Some years later they moved into town on Benton Street. He worked for the city of Naperville until his death on January 1, 1916.

Caroline lives in Chicago and has one daughter.

Benjamin married and had two sons. John lives in the family home, and Al is retired.

Eugene married Anna Herbert in 1890 and they had twelve children. They farmed near Naperville until 1915 when they purchased a farm Montevideo, Minnesota. All the family moved with them but one daughter, Gertrude. She married a farmer, John Miller of Naperville. In 1926 they bought the Jacob Royce farm south of town on Washington Street. They raised their family of twelve there.

Albert was born March 20, 1872 and married Emma Burzlaff. They farmed in DuPage Township, Lemont, Illinois. Eleven children were born to them. William is a retired farmer and lives in Lemont. Adeline Edwards lives in Downers Grove. Arnold Kling, Martha Bromberer and Earl Kling live in Lemont. Loretta Homerding resides in Lockport. Luella Christoffel makes her home in Aurora. Sons Fred, Rudolph and LeRoy are deceased.

George Kling married Anna Miller, the daughter of John and Gertrude Miller. They started farming in 1938 near Naperville. In 1947 they purchased a farm on 248th Street in Wheatland Township, Plainfield, Illinois. George served the area farmers, hauling livestock, limestone and grain. He passed away on May 18, 1974. Anna still lives on the farm and their daughter, Anna Mae Jacobson resides in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Cletus and Lucy Kocher

. . . a man of faith who tilled the earth; a loving heart who gave us birth—such were the personages of our dad and mother, Cletus Kocher and his bride at 27, Lucy Sittler.

Dad was born in Olney, Illinois, (Richland County). He moved when quite small to Jasper County where I remember most of his anecdotes of childhood lore spilling forth. Dad never had the opportunity to finish eight grades. He attended, intermittently, the Pond Grove School in that country.

The oldest of ten children, at age 21, he came North. He secured a job in Sycamore as a farmhand. From there he hired out to Harry Gregory in Wheaton as a farmhand also. In 1928, Harry opened an opportunity for him to work a farm for Fred Jorgensen, who took over the business of his brother Bert. Bert passed away and left a widow with eight children. Dad worked and resided there for two years. At that time, Fred settled the widow in the town of Naperville. It was at this time that Dad began to rent the farm. It was this year, 1930, that Dad took Lucy Sittler (a neighbor of Harry's), as his bride and they pledged themselves to a lifelong vocation of marriage and child-raising. They homesteaded the "Bonnie View Farm."

Mother attended St. Michael's Parochial School in Wheaton, Illinois. She graduated from the Christie Grade School on Naperville-Wheaton Road. She, too, came from a family of ten. Being without a mother at the age of three, she learned quite early to take care of a home and pitch in on household duties. She made our home a wonderfully warm place to be.

The farm, consisting of 242 acres, was located on the south and north sides of North Aurora Road. There were 30 acres to the west of Route 59 also. The neatly-kept buildings (one of which was a

beautiful metal toolshed that marked the farm for miles), stood on the northeast corner of Route 59 and North Aurora Road.

As I recall, the "factory-bustling" road of today at one time was one of the most picturesque in DuPage County. I can remember having my picture snapped one day as I was bringing home the cows from pasture along the path lined with rustling leaves of cottonwood trees. (I must add that as all kids of that age, I didn't appreciate my heritage quite as much at the moment of the shot as I do today!) Dairying, farming, gardening, etc., brought us through the days of the depression.

At about 1966 Dad sold 80 acres to the south of North Aurora Road: 8 to Harold Adams, 21 to Archie Gagne and the remaining to Burlington Industrial Park. He was able then to purchase the remainder of the farm from Fred Jorgensen.

In keeping the tradition, ten children were born to Clete and Lucy. They are: Donald, (Rev. Kocher), Hinsdale, Alvin, electrician, wed to Joan Streff,Bristol; Richard, (deceased), manager of Dynaweld (built on the original acreage), wed to Marilee Diehl, Marywood; Shirley, once employed at Chicago Precast (factory on the original acreage), wed to Walker Grant, Joliet; Delmar, construction foreman, wed to Josie Kocik, Plainfield; Harold Kocher, Religious Brother, Precious Blood Seminary, Liberty, Missouri; Arlene, housewife, mother, wed to Richard Rife (deceased), Plainfield; Lucille, medical secretary, R.N., Sugar Grove; Charles, plumber, wed to Nancy Hector, Downers Grove; Diane, housewife, mother, wed to James Bohnstedt, Sandwich, Illinois.

The majority of the children attended the Crosier School, located on the northwest corner of Route 59 and North Aurora Road. The family were all active members of Saints Peter and Paul Church. All the children graduated from what is now known as Naperville Central High School. Together they honored Clete and Lucy with 24 grandchildren.

In 1969 Mother and Dad moved to their retirement home at 138 North Center Street. Mother was able to enjoy only one year of "life in town" as she so often referred to it in her conversations about the golden years to come. In all, they spent 39 years on the farm. Naperville was a community of about 5000 during most of our life on the farm . . . a delightful, clean and close-knit community as I remember it.

Dad, blessed with good health, in 1983 is still a resident of Naperville . . . and quite active at 78.

The History of the Kohley Farm

Adam Kohley arrived in this country in 1845 from Prussia. He lived in Chicago for two years until 1847. He then came to Lisle Township and stayed briefly before continuing on to California for the gold rush. He returned to Lisle Township in 1849 and settled there, purchasing one mile of property along what is now Highway 53. He retained approximately 290 acres. He married Anne Maria Damm in 1852. She had come here from Bavaria (West Germany). They had seven children. The youngest son, Adam Jr., took over the farm when his parents passed away in 1908 and 1909.

Adam Jr. married Elizabeth Wehrli in 1895. They had five children. The oldest was Arnold and the youngest Adam William III. They also had three girls: Maria, Veronica and Elizabeth.

Adam took over the farm as mentioned above. He, with the help of his sons, operated the farm until 1925, when another sixty acre farm known as the Smith Farm, lying along 83rd Street one mile east of Rt. 53 was purchased. This made for a total of 350 acres with two sets of buildings.

Adam Kohley II passed away on April 11, 1937. His sons, Arnold and Adam III, purchased the property, dividing it into two equal 175 acre parcels, each with a set of buildings, in 1939.

Arnold married Josephine Theilen in 1938 and farmed his 175 acres with the buildings on 83rd Street until 1966 when he sold the property to developers only months before his untimely death on May 11 of that year. This property is now part of the Village of Woodridge.

Adam William Kohley III married Lucille Case on May 3, 1933. They had four children: William, John, Ann and Carol. Adam farmed until the early sixties, by which time most of the property had been sold and subdivided into what is now the Village of Woodridge. The buildings and 6¼ acres have been retained (the buildings on Rt. 53). Mr. Kohley passed away on January 23, 1974. His wife still resides on the original property.

The original 120 acres of river bottom land is now owned by the DuPage County Forest Preserve District.

Ed and Elizabeth Kraisinger

Ed Kraisinger married Elizabeth Schwerer and they moved from Lisle in 1942 to work a farm on Mill Street and North Aurora Road, (now 5th Avenue). It was owned by Ed and Mildred Hurley, who purchased it in 1941 and called it Miledge. The farm consisted of 300 acres and had been the Schwartz farm. The Kraisingers raised their four children on the farm, and they are Thomas, Donald, Kathryn (Mark Bartel) and Mary (Douglas Koehler). Ed farmed the land until 1971 when part of the farm was condemned for Naperville North High School. He is now retired and they live in the Brush Hill subdivision.

Gus and Doris Kresl

Gus and Doris Kresl were married in 1946 when Gus was working at White Oaks Farm, a dairy farm, in Bartlett, Illinois. They farmed there for one year at which time they moved to Fair Oaks Farm in West Chicago for 2 years.

In 1949, they went to Manhattan, Illinois as tenants on the grain and cattle feeder farm of Senator Barr. Their son, Stephen, was born in 1950.

In 1951, they moved to Naperville on a farm owned by Ross Holt on Rt. 65, east of Rt. 59. This was a cattle feeder, hog and grain farm.

In 1957 they moved to a farm owned by John Ioder, west of Naperville - Plainfield Rd., which was also a cattle feeder, hog and grain operation. Gus started working part time in construction in 1959 and Doris took a part-time job in the office at Edward Hospital as farming was not providing sufficient income. Hogs were selling for only 9¢ per lb. on the market and cattle were a losing proposition also. They could see no future in farming for them so they decided to quit farming. In February, 1960 they had a farm auction to sell their equipment and moved to Naperville. Gus worked for Willow Farm delivering milk and Doris continued working at Edward Hospital.

Walter T. Kuhn

Walter T. Kuhn, son of Joseph and Anna Maria Kuhn was born June 4, 1890 south of Wheaton. His father came to this country with his grandparents and nine other children from Byron, Bavaria. The grandfather, John Kuhn, lost his second wife soon after they landed in New York. He brought his children to Milton Township, Wheaton, Illinois where they farmed. Walter's father Joseph farmed the grandfather's farm and later a brother of Walter's named Frank bought the farm.

On November 14, 1914 Walter married Otillia Kammes. After their marriage they lived and farmed one year at the intersection of Mill and Bauer streets in Naperville. Then they farmed four years on the Diehl farm on College Road. The next move was to the Royer farm on South Washington Street. In 1928 Walter purchased the Mike Gartner farm on Modaff road. The family moved there in 1930. They had eight children living here. Ray, Henrietta Richardt, Regina Laggis, Kathryn Doolin (deceased as of October 1981) Walter P., Alvin, Mary Meyers, and Richard. A daughter Ruth passed away as a result of an accident at the age of nine.

Walter had a dairy farm and raised hogs a good share of his farming days. Alfalfa hay, corn, oats, wheat, and soybeans were grown on the farm. He also raised seed corn for Pfister Associated Growers for many years. Walter worked for the Soil Conservation Office for several years while he was farming. After he sold the farm for building, his son Richard moved west to Little Rock to continue farming. Walter's farm is now enveloped with homes known as "Old Farm". At the age of ninety-two he still enjoys conversation relative to farming very much.

Ray J. Kuhn

Ray J. Kuhn, son of Walter T. Kuhn was born on the farm on North Mill Street and Bauer Road. Before his marriage to Harriet Drendel, he lived on the farm on Modaff Road south of Naperville. He spent three years in service during World Warr II. After the war he worked for Pfister Associated Growers in Naperville. He then moved to the Dr. Harry L. Huber farm on Eola Road, Naperville Township in 1949. After the war machinery was difficult to purchase, but because he was a G.I. in World War II, he was able to buy a new John Deere A tractor and three bottom plow. The rest of the machinery was borrowed from a good neighbor and his father. Gradually as he was financially able, more machinery was added. He farmed on a 50-50 share crop basis for twenty-seven years. He raised hogs and Angus cattle. The crops raised on the farm were corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, wheat, and oats. There are eight children in the family. Six sons are Dr. R. William, David, Thomas, Donald, and Roger. Two daughters are Mary Kay Mach and Carol Metz. Ray retired from farming in 1976. Ten years he worked for the Naperville Park District. He served on the DuPage County Farm Bureau Board for five years.

Richard & Ann Kuhn

Richard (Dick) Kuhn was born February 28, 1930, the son of Walter and Ottilia Kuhn. He attended SS Peter and Paul Grade School and Naperville High School. After graduating he worked for his father on a dairy farm on Modaff Road and decided to make farming his life. In 1953 Dick married Ann Meisinger the daughter of John and Catherine Meisinger. They stayed on the Kuhn farm and raised seven children: Joe, Teri, Paul, Lori, Jim, Donna and Chuck. Dick was on the Farm Bureau Board of Directors for a few years and 7 years on the Soil and Water Conservation Board. In 1963 they felt like Naperville was pushing too close to the farm, so they bought their present farm in Little Rock, Illinois. Three of their children are married. Teri and Carl Lundeen have two daughters and farm in Waterman, Illinois. Paul and Carol (Concannon) and son and daughter live in Florida. Lori and Ken Robinson have a son and live in Carbondale, Illinois.

Herman W. Sr. and Caroline Landorf

John Carl Fredrick Landorf and Christina (Weselman) were the parents of Herman William Fredrick Landorf, who was born on September 11, 1877 in Gramelow, Germany. Herman married Caroline Wilke, who was born in Naperville on January 24, 1879. He started farming in Will County on Schmidt Road in March of 1902, and farmed there for 13 years. In fact the buildings are still standing there. He moved to the Winckler farm in DuPage County on the corner of Book Road and 75th Street on March 1, 1915, and farmed there for seven years. In February of 1922 he moved to the George Keller farm on River Road and farmed there until his retirement in 1936. From there they moved into Naperville to the house he had purchased in 1910, on West Van Buren Avenue. He was the youngest of four brothers and four sisters. He passed away on December 8, 1969, at the age of 92. His children: Mrs. Marie Schultz, Herbert, Herman Jr. and Arthur have made a contribution to the Riverwalk in the memory of their parents.

Clarence C. & Lillian Landorf

John Carl and Fredricka Renter Landorf came to America when their four children were young, and they all lived in the Naperville area. Their children were: Anna, Charles, Fred and Martha.

Charles married Minnie Westendorf and they farmed south of town on Modaff Road, now occupied by Mrs. Irene Flock. They had seven children: Clarence, Raymond, Evelyn (Mrs. Paul Brummel), Marion (Hanson), Joseph, Carl and Robert.

Clarence was born April 18, 1910 on that farm. The family moved to a farm which would now be on 75th Street. When he was 15 or 16 his grandfather died and he lived with his grandmother and ran her farm, at the corner of 75th Street & Plainfield Road. The house is still standing. He also drove a milk truck, picking up the milk from the farmers and hauling it to the dairy in Lisle. On June 16, 1931 Clarence married Lillian Modaff and lived on the farm until it was sold. They moved to town in 1933 and he continued in trucking. In 1945 he rented a small farm on Chicago Avenue across the road from the Naperville Country Club. By this time they had boys who loved farming so he sold his truck and started milking cows. The family moved to "Carol Acres" farm on Oswego Road in 1948 where Clarence lived and worked until his death on November 6, 1977.

Their son Clarence Jr. and family still operate the farm, which is now the only dairy farm in DuPage County.

Clarence and Lillian raised six children, these being: Frank (deceased April 15, 1977) who married Rose Ann Stash and had three children: Peter and Chris live with their mother in Naperville; Yvonne and children Robert and Megan live in Naperville.

George and Pat (Cook) live and farm on Rt. 59, Naperville and have three sons.

Richard and Jeanne reside in Missouri. Dean and Judy have a daughter, Jennifer and live in Huntley, Illinois. Daniel lives with his parents.

Clarence Jr. (Junie) and Pat (Squires) have two sons, Jeff and Kevin.

Dorothy and Al Pardones live in Aurora with their children Al and Michelle.

Janet and Alex Bumber and children Eric and Alexis live in Aurora.

Diane and Mike Shoger farm in Winslow, Illinois and their children are, twins Matt and Melissa and Tracey.

John Leverenz

The ancestors of John Leverenz came from Germany, around 1860. Frederick Leverenz was born in 1839, and his wife Maria was born in 1853. They settled on a farm at the corner of Naperville-Plainfield Road and 87th Street in 1870. Mr. Levetenz died in 1917 and his wife died in 1943.

Their son John was born in 1872 and he married Mary Rudolph in 1899. She was born in 1881 and was from Aurora, Illinois. He started farming with $900.00, he had earned working for other farmers for $1.00 a day. He bought all used machinery except a new Deere (not John Deere) corn planter and a manure spreader. He considered the corn planter was needed for the insured proper planting, as he would have to make his payments. In the winter John and the neighbors, Al Eichelberger, Henry Phister and Mart Hughes, formed a butchering ring. They would gather at one farm and help butcher hogs and cattle. Then they would go to the next neighbor. The meat was cured in liquid brine and smoked. No refrigeration was available, so the hams were wrapped on cloth and buried in the oats bin to keep them preserved in the summer. The different kinds of sausage that were made were liver, blood and pork (with beef mixed in.) They also made head cheese and rendered the lard. John would take wheat to the mill in West Chicago and have it ground into flour. From milk they would separate the cream and make butter and cottage cheese. His wife Mary helped by having a garden from which she would can the vegetables.

John did all the farming with horses. When tractors were introduced. He said "It was wrong to buy them, because farmers should use their own products, oats and hay instead of gasoline and oil. However, when his sons bought power equipment for custom farming in 1937, he changed his mind. He said it was better than resting and watering the horses every hour or less in the hot harvest season.

John and Mary had seven children: Lillian, Edna, Laura, Esther, Ruth, John and Grant. John Sr. died in 1952 and Mary died in 1972.

Michael P. and Anna Lies

In April of 1852, Henry Lies & wife Susan Trammel Lies, of Hollar Canton, Echternach, Grand Duchy of Luxemberg, Germany, (Great Grandparents of Michael P. Lies) immigrated to the United States by boat.

Landing in New York in May of 1852, they proceeded to Detroit, Michigan then by rail to Chicago, and on to Aurora, Illinois, settling in Big Woods, what is now known as Marywood, Illinois. With them came their children Mathew, Susan, Maria, Nicholas, Elizabeath, John and spouses.

Henry Lies was born in 1794, died in 1875, in Aurora. Wife Susan was born in 1793 died in 1875 in Aurora, Illinois, both are buried in Calvery Cemetary on South Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois.

(Grandparents of Michael P. Lies)

John and Anna Nau Lies had a family of 10 children: Michael, Susan, Mary, Margaret, Susan, Peter, Elizabeth, J. Michael, Susan and Angela, all married and settled in the big woods area.

Peter Lies, son of John & Anna Nau Lies, farmed in the Big Woods area after his marriage to Magdalena Frieders, to them were born 13 children: Katherine, Susan, Michael P., Margaret, Peter, John, Elizabeth, Anna, Christine & Nicholas, 3 died in infancy.

Michael P., Lies eldest son of Peter & Magdalena Lies, was born in Aurora, Illinois, September 5, 1884. He received his Baptism and education in Annuciation Church and school in Big Woods, which is still in use.

As a young man he worked for the C.B. & Q. railroad in Aurora as a carpenter, building and repairing railroad cars.

About the age of 21 years he married Anna Thiess of Aurora, and took over the farming operation of his father, to them were born 4 children, Elmer & Ralph Lies, Hildegarde (Hagemann) & Dorothy (Landorf).

In 1914 they moved to Naperville on a farm north of town, owned by Walter Jones, it is now Standard Oil Amoco Research Center, bordering the north side of East West tollway, on the east side of Mill Street.

In 1928 they moved to the Charles Schiffler farm, now bordering the south side of East West tollway, also on the east side of Mill Street, at the Mill Street overpass, is all commercially developed now.

In 1946 they discontinued farming, bought a house in Warrenville, across the street from the Warrenville cemetary on Aurora Road. Dad then went back to doing carpenter work with his brother-in-law John Molitor of Big Woods, and John's brother Mike of Winfield, Illinois. Mike lived to the age of 89 years, spending his last years in Naperville.

Alfred and Eunice Lisson

The first generations of Lissons came to American in 1820 from Ireland, France and England. Christopher and Josephine LaClair Lisson lived on and owned the farm on Royce Road (1st farm west of Wehrli Road.)

Alfred Lisson Sr. was born near Frontenac in 1881. He bought 160 acres on Wehrli Road adjoining the Christopher Lisson farm when he married in 1917. Alfred and Eunice had three sons: Alfred Jr., Julian and Truman.

Fred and Elizabeth Lubenow

Fred Lubenow originated from Ceylon, Minnesota. He married Elizabeth Wilken from LaGrange, Illinois, on December 31, 1919. A son, Robert, was born on March 19, 1921. Then on July 24, 1922, a daughter, Irene was born. Another daughter, Bernice, was born on October 4, 1927. On October 4, 1927 a son, Elmer was born, and on May 2, 1929, daughter, Elaine was born. In January of 1930, the family left Ceylon, and moved to Batavia, Illinois. At that time another daughter, Lucille was born on December 24, 1932. The Lubenows moved to Lisle, Illinois in March of 1934, where Marilyn was born on July 23, that same year. Then in March of 1938, they again moved, this time to Lemont, Illinois, where they stayed until 1948. Naperville was the next move for them, where they farmed at the intersection of Modaff Road and Knoch Knoll Road. Fred and his family farmed there until 1968 when the farm was sold for subdividing.

The Mather Family

Joshua Emery Mather was born November 24, 1810 in Rockingham, Vermont, and married Mariah Frisbie June 10, 1834. He came to Wheatland Township, Will County, Illinois in 1861. He was a grandson of Increase Mather, a brother of Cotton Mather, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Of the marriage of Joshua Emery and Mariah Mather, ten children were born, nine boys and one girl. They were all born and raised in either DuPage Township or Wheatland Township, Will County, and married into families with early settler names such as Royce, Ballou, Mason, Holbrook, Frost, Havens, Sprague, George, Scarritt and Davis.

The principal occupation of the family was farming although Joshua Emery Mather Jr. at one time operated the creamery at the corner of 111th Street and Plainfield-Naperville Road. Cheese and butter were made at the creamery and the whey was used by the farmers for their pigs.

The stone homestead still stands on Naperville Plainfield road, five miles south of Naperville. The stone was quarried by hand and hauled by team and wagon.

On August 13, 1939 a Mather family reunion was held in Essex County, N. Y. honoring four octogenarians. The sons of Joshua Emery Mather: George P., Joshua Emery Jr., Jonathan, Samuel, Asa F., James, and Edward all lived long and fruitful lives. Now their descendants are scattered over many states but there are some great-great grandchildren still located in the area.

Joshua Emery Mather died January 28, 1880 and Mariah Mather died February 4, 1892.

McDowell Family

The farm was purchased in 1867.

Of Scotch-Irish descent this branch of the family came to Illinois from Pennsylvania.

Jim McDowell's farm was on what is now North Aurora Road, east of Rt. 59. The buildings sat approximately where 84 Lumber now stands. He didn't stay in Illinois long, but moved on to Nebraska.

Alexander E. McDowell bought 240 acres along the west branch of the DuPage River, northwest of Naperville. It is on River Road north of Rt. 34.

In 1873 William S. McDowell bought the farm from Alexander E. He kept it and added to it. The last farm land was sold in 1969. Two of his descendants still live in the old home. Forest Preserve and subdivision now cover all but 6.19 acres of it.

Wm. S. was married to Marie Elizabeth (Lizzie) Darrah. They had 3 children: Margaret Elizabeth (Bessie) (married Irving Goodrich), William Ervin (Jack) (married Grace M. Jaeger), and Alexander (Colonel) (never married).

The present residents are William Thomas (Tom) and Grace W., the son and daughter of William Ervin (Jack) and Grace M.

There is something that might be of special interest because of the Sesquicentennial and the Riverwalk. East of the river, near where the Chicago Radar School stood, there were some big rocks. Four horses abreast could stand on one of them. When Naperville celebrated its Centennial they wanted to move that rock to Centennial Beach. The equipment at their disposal at that time wasn't up to the job, so they settled for the smallest of the big rocks. I can remember Mayor Herb Thompson, George Keller, my father, and several other men laboring over that moving job. They used the Naperville Nursery's team and low wagon. That is THE rock in Centennial Park.

John and Caroline Meisinger

John D. Meisinger came to Naperville at the age of 12 years from New York. He was the son of John J. Meisinger who farmed on South Washington Street now Old Farm Subdivision. John D. married Gertrude Hobson daughter of John Hobson in 1881, and bought 124 acres from him and lived in the little stone house still standing on South Washington Street (now occupied by Celluci & Yacobellis). Their children were Fred, William and Gertrude. His wife died when Gertrude was born.

In 1896, he married Caroline Friedrich born in Naperville, the oldest daughter of Peter and Catherine Friedrich. They had 3 children—Ella, Alice and Daniel. They also were members of Saint Peter and Paul Church.

After John D. died in 1927, William or "Bill" ran the farm until 1937 when Nick Modaff married Alice and took over the farm, living in the little stone house. To them were born Nick Jr., Joe, Carol, Mary, Edith and Dave. Mother, Ella and Bill lived in the big house on the farm and helped.

Mrs. John D. Meisinger died in 1950. Nick and Alice moved into the big house and Ella and Bill moved into the little stone house. In 1955, the heirs sold the farm to Nick and Alice. In 1959, the farm was sold to Olympic Savings and Loan for development and Nick & Alice purchased a farm in Wheatland Township on Plainfield Road where they farmed for 18 years then moved to a home in Plainfield leaving Nick Jr. to run the farm with Nick Sr. helping out.

Walter and Cecelia Jungels Meisinger

Walter Meisinger was born January 19, 1888 on the family farm south of Naperville, the son of Adam, born 1859, died 1941, and Margaret (Dieter), born 1862, died 1911. He was the grandson of John, born 1836, died 1862, and Catherine (Herbert), born 1840, died 1921 and great grandson of John born 1829, died 1912 and Elizabeth (Geib) born 1829. John and Elizabeth came to Naperville about 1842, and had 10 children.

In 1918 Walter married Cecelia Jungels, born March 26, 1897, in DuPage Township, the daughter of Peter and Emma (Dryfus) Jungels.

Walter and Cecelia Jungels started farming on the Jungels farm in DuPage Township in 1918. In 1929 they moved to the Meisinger homstead south of Naperville and continued farming there until 1957. Walter died in 1973 and Cecelia still lives on the farm.

They raised the following six children: Earl, born July 27, 1920, married Margaret Kiehl, born August 11, 1922. Irene, born February 8, 1922, married Wilbur Simkins, born September 20, 1915, both retired. Loretta, born December 3, 1926, married Richard Cullender, born October 27, 1924. They live in Naperville and farm in LaSalle County, have 4 children and 3 grandchildren. Rosemary, born April 9, 1931, married Nicholas Moore, born October 24, 1934. They live and farm in DeKalb County, have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. Kenneth, born June 14, 1933, married Kathy McGarry, born July 6, 1942. They live in Naperville, Ken works for Northern Illinois Gas Company. They have 3 children. Donald, born September 20, 1934, married Elaine Hermann, born January 30, 1939. They live in Naperville. Don works for Illinois Bell Telephone Co and farms in Kane Co. They have 5 children.

Earl and Margaret Diehl Meisinger

Earl Meisinger was born in DuPage Township on July 27, 1920, the son of Walter and Cecelia Jungels Meisinger. In 1925 he moved, with his parents, to the old Meisinger homestead in Naperville. He attended schools in Naperville and farmed with his father until 1943, when he married Margaret Diehl, who he met while doing custom work for her parents. They moved to a small farm in DuPage Township and continued doing custom work mostly in the area south and east of Naperville. Earl had the only hay baler in the area so was quite busy.

They raised 7 children and continued farming until 1974 when they moved to the old Boughton house on Book Road in Naperville.

Their children are: Dennis, born February 18, 1944, married Virginia Moody, has his own cleaning business and owns Just Imagine Graphix, Ltd. Dale, born April 27, 1945, married Patricia LeGrand. They have 5 children. Dale is a certified chimney sweep in Augusta, Georgia. David, born April 15, 1947, married Carol Papas. They have 1 daughter. David is the Director of Education and Research for the National Pork Producers Council in Des Moines, Iowa. Dean, born July 29, 1948, is a private pilot and lives in Houston, Texas. D. Jeanne, born March 31, 1950, is the manager of ULTIMO on Oak Street in Chicago. D. Judy, born March 29, 1957, married David Miller — Judy is a Library Technical Assistant at Nichols Library. Derryl, born February 6, 1962, is a student at the University of Texas at Austin.

Anthony A. & Marjorie Meyer Family

Anthony Meyer, Sr., was born in Alsace Lorraine, Germany in 1813, and died in 1893 at the age of 80 years in Lisle, Illinois. In 1850 he and his wife came to America with their two year old son Anthony, Jr. They landed in New York, went by rail to Chicago and traveled west, homesteaded 60 acres in Lisle, Illinois and started farming. The farm was located on Maple Avenue about one mile south of Lisle. After his death the farming was carried on by his son Anthony, Jr., who married Magdalena Ory of Naperville in 1873. Their family consisted of five children: three girls and two boys. David W. was the oldest, born August 19, 1875, who married Anna Riedy, daughter of Frank and Louise Riedy of Naperville, in September 27, 1905. He rented the land from his father in March, 1906, who died December 22, 1910. By now the farm consisted of 160 acres, which David purchased later. This family was blessed with six children: Magdalene, Isabel, Raymond, Anthony A., Joseph and Marion. David was still living on the homestead when he died December 8, 1964 at the age of 89 years. His wife Anna died May 3, 1973 at the age of 91. Their 160 acre farm was then sold and is now part of the Meadows and Oakview areas of Lisle.

Anthony A. Meyer married Marjorie (Kampmeyer) of Hobson Road, on May 20, 1939 and did farm in the Lisle/Naperville area. He is now and has been Superintendent of grounds at the Woodridge Golf Club in Lisle for the past twenty-three years. Marjorie is and has been secretary at Woodridge for twenty-six years. They have six children — Mary Ann Bobosky (husband Brand) lives in Naperville with their four children — Courtney, Whitney, Joseph Blake and Shelby. Mary Ann is a counselor at Jefferson Jr. High in Naperville. David (wife Penny Waskow) lives in Lisle with their four children — Bryan, Heather, Anthony Austin and Kara. David is Grounds Superintendent of Indian Lakes Golf Club of Bloomingdale and Nordic Hills Golf Club of Itasca. Susan (husband Paul Baron) lives in Hayward, Wisconsin with their three children — Cathleen, Dan and Diane. They have the Twin Bay Resort on the Chippewa Flowag in Wisconsin. Dr. William Meyer (wife Kathleen Culligan) lives in Silverton, Oregon with their four children — Erica, Sara, Bridget and Christopher. William is a Turf Specialist for Turf Seeds, Inc., Hubbard, Oregon and also operates Pure Seeds Testing of Hubbard. Dr. James Meyer (wife Susan Huff) of Zebulon, North Carolina, is a veterinarian, working with large and small animals. Robert, the youngest, is in his third year at the University of Illinois Veterinary School, Champaign, and will graduate in 1984 as a veterinarian also.

Charlie & Rose Miller

Our great grandfather, A.S. Barnard, came to the Naperville rural area in 1838 and after a few years of helping other settlers, returned to Mendow, New York for his bride, and in 1843 they settled on what is now known as the Robert Yackley farm. Our grandfather, Daniel Dewey Barnard, was born there and when he was twelve years old they moved east on Hobson Road to the farm immediately west of the east branch of the DuPage River on the north side of the road. When Daniel grew up, he married Helen Stone from Oak Park, and from this union came our mother, Rose Barnard.

Many years later, Charlie Miller came over from Yugoslavia to work on their farm and our mother married him after graduating from North Central College — and he with only two years of formal schooling!! She was 35 and had spent many years caring for her invalid mother. He was a fantastic man and a good farmer! From this marriage came we three! Laura Miller Zedrow, Donald Charles Miller, Robert Dewey Miller.

The John J. and Gertrude Miller Family

John J. Miller was born in 1887 in Claria, Banat, Servia (now Rodojeva, Banat, Yugoslavia). He came to America in 1906. He did not know a soul, nor a word of English.

His first job took him to the stone quarries of Pennsylvania. His second job was on the Dewey Barnard farm on Hobson Road, east of Naperville. He married a neighbor's daughter, Gertrude Kling, and continued to work for Mr. Barnard until 1915. At that time he rented a farm from Mr. Nichols and continued to work a Nichols farm until he purchased the old Royce farm (south of Naperville on River Road) in 1926. He bought the farm in partnership with Mr. James Nichols (Naperville's ex-mayor), his friend, his inspiration and encouragement.

John was president of the Crosier school board in the mid 1920s and of the Hillside school board during the 1930s. He was one of eight farmers who enlisted other area farmers to buy the first rural fire truck for the Naperville area in the 1930s. John was also instrumental in organizing the area farmers, donation of their surplus milk, which they brought to the fire station for free distribution during the

Great Depression. He was a deputy sheriff and thistle commissioner for a number of years. He continued to farm, maintain his dairy herd and deal in cattle sales until his death in 1941.

Gertrude sold the Royce farm and bought the smaller Schrader farm near Barber's Corner during World War II. The reason for this was that son John was in the Army Air Force in Guam, son Paul, a Marine, was island hopping in the South Pacific and son Peter was in the Navy and also in the Pacific, leaving Gertrude with only 15-year-old James to help on the farm, so, therefore, the oldest son, August, quit his mechanical job & came back to operate the farm during World War II. James was later a Marine in Korea.

Gertrude carried on the Miller family's involvement in community affairs and remained involved in school activities. She retired to Naperville in 1957 following 3 small strokes. She spent a number of her later years in and out of nursing homes until her death in 1967.

Gertrude and John parented thirteen children who all grew up in the Naperville area. Until recently, ten of the children remained in the area, two having retired recently to warmer climates.

August, who married Laverne Hageman, was a construction foreman in Downers Grove and recently retired to Florida. The only son not to have served in a war had a son that served in Vietnam. He also has two daughters.

Christine, who married Harry Haase, was an industrial health worker and recently retired to Gordon, Wisconsin from Batavia.

Anna, who married George Kling, helped her now deceased husband farm and run a trucking business. She still lives on their farm south of Naperville. They raised one daughter.

Marie, who married Franklin Calico, is a registered nurse and last worked for the Seattle schools. They raised their three children in Seattle, Washington.

Mayme, who married William Heyne, worked in a bakery and as a checker in Aurora, where they still live. They raised two children.

John, who married Delores Tomlin, is a bricklayer and plasters. He has worked and contracted in Pompano Beach, Florida for the last 30 years.

Paul, who married Agnes Reichl, works several farms with help from his six sons and two daughters both north and south of Naperville.

Peter, now married to Georgene Wendling, works as the Naperville schools maintenance and handyman. He raised one stepson and now has four stepchildren. He and his wife live in Naperville.

Helen, who married Fritz Hoffman, is a registered nurse and beautician. They have raised eight children in Naperville.

James, who married Marilyn Mueller, a bricklayer and plaster by trade, is a contracter. They have raised five children in the Naperville area.

Grace, who married Irving Lichter, is a beautician. They raised their four children in Naperville.

Dorothy, who married William Newton, works for the FBI as a secretary. Her husband was in the Navy and they moved with their three children around the country. She now lives in Arlington, Virginia.

Nancy, who married Robert Harper, has been a long-time player on a local baseball team. She has held many jobs and raised five children in Naperville.

As of 1982 John and Gertrude have 47 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren contributing to half or maybe three quarters of the population of Naperville today.

The Paul J. and Agnes Miller Family

Paul J. Miller was born on a farm north of Naperville in 1924. The family moved south of Naperville in the year 1926 when his father purchased the old Royce farm. He remained on the farm until he enlisted in the Marine Corps during World War II.

After returning from the Marine Corps he took a construction job with a local contractor, Frank Knoch. Paul was working on the Kroehler addition in 1946 when the disastrous train wreck occurred and he helped people off the train.

He then later worked for Kroehler Manufacturing Company as a truck driver. In 1950 he married a young lady, Agnes Reichl, who was an office worker at Prince Castles.

They later rented a farm north of Naperville and he was the last farmer to farm land which is now known as Cress Creek. They farmed in this location for 22 years. They were forced to leave Naperville when the farm buildings were demolished and burned to the ground to make room for the new construction of homes.

The Millers then relocated and purchased land in Wheatland Township, south of Naperville where they are still engaged in farming. During this time they raised eight children. David, the eldest, owns and operates a school bus. Tom married a Naperville girl, Marian Frederickson, and he is a heavy equipment operator. Paulette married John Snow, has three children and she is a bookkeeper at Dominicks Grocery Store. Mark also married a Naperville girl, Janet Dowling, who also has three children. Mark is a truck-driver and Mechanic. Joel works for a landscaping contractor. Patrick works with his father on the farm. Eric and Lisa are high school students.

Peter and Dora Modaff

Peter and Dora Modaff moved to Naperville, the year of 1914. Both were born in Aurora, Illinois. Peter's family came from Luxenburg. Dora's father also from Luxenburg, her mother was born in America.

Peter and Dora Modaff were married April 28, 1909, in St. Joseph Church of Aurora. They were blessed with 7 children. Caroline the oldest daughter married Bill Gaworski, had 2 children; husband passed away in 1980. Lillian married Clarence Landorf, had 6 children. Oldest son Frank died of injuries received in auto accident at the age of 44, Clarence died the same year — 1977. Nick married Alice Meisinger, had 6 children; one daughter Mary was killed at the age of 29 in 1971, her assailant never found. Cecilia married James Kuhn, have 3 children living, 1 died at birth. Agnes married Leon Theis, had 4 children. Bernard married Mary Keller, had 7 children. Peter Jr. (youngest) died at age 13 months from Infantile Paralyses.

In 1914, Peter and Dora rented a farm from William Paeth, 117 acres for $3.00 per acre, located on the corner of Modaff Road and 75th Street. In 1922, Dora died — on their 13th wedding anniversary. In the Fall of 1923, Peter's sister and husband, the Henry Weyderts moved in with Peter and helped raise the children. In 1924, Peter bought the farm for $160.00 per acre.

In 1929, Peter was elected Highway Commissioner — a position which he held for five terms until his death in 1954. While in office roads were renamed and "Modaff Road" was named in his honor.

In 1942, Peter sold 37 acres of the farm to Dan Meisinger. The balance of the farm (80 acres) he kept until his death in 1954. Peter married Matilda Bermes in 1943 and moved to town.

Bernard and his wife Mary lived on the farm until it was sold to Phil Kelly in 1955. It was sold for subdivision in 1961.

The Peter Modaff family were members of St. Peter and Paul Parish and all the children graduated from the parish school.

Nick and Alice Modaff

Nick and Alice were married February 6, 1937; both attended St. Peter and Paul School and Naperville High School.

Farmed South of Naperville; the farm of John D. Meisinger and lived in stone house on South Washington Street which still stands. Had 6 children of which 5 are living: Nick Jr., Joe, Carol, Edith and David. Mary was killed — her assailant never found.

Nick and Alice sold the farm in 1959 for development and bought a farm in Wheatland Township where they lived for 18 years when they partially retired and moved to their home in Plainfield, leaving Nick Jr. to run the farm. Nick Sr. helps Jr. on the farm and maintains the buildings.

Nick Jr. is married and has 5 children. Joe is a publisher and has 2 children. Carol is married to Phil Weissinger and has 5 children. Mary deceased has 2 children. Edith is married to Ken Brown. David is married and has 2 children. He is self-employed in construction.

Even though we live in Plainfield, we still come back to Naperville with friends and all our children.

We feel proud to be a part of Naperville and the River Walk for which Nick worked hard with the committee to make it a success.

Theodore A. & Alvina E. Moeller

The parents of Theodore Moeller came to the United States from Germany in 1885. He was one of 12 children born to Hans and Henrietta Moeller, who settled on a farm southwest of Naperville. In 1925 he married Alvina Schultz and lived in town for about ten years while working at Kroehler Mfg. Co. The family moved to the Schultz farm in 1934, southeast of Naperville in DuPage Township, Will County, where they lived until their deaths, Alvina in 1971 and Theodore in 1974. They had three children, Vernon (died 1978), Richard and Audrey Lehnen.

Frank L. Molitor
from Luxembourg, Germany

The Molitor name first appeared in the Aurora area sometime during the 1850's. Mathias Molitor was apparently in this group. He married Susan Grommes who bore him eight children. The family homesteaded on a farm that was located on what is now Molitor Road in Marywood. It is believed that stones from Mathias Molitor's farm were used to help build Annunciation Church in Marywood. All of Mathias's sons followed in their father's footsteps and pursued farming. One of the boys, Frank, eventually settled in Naperville. Initially, Frank farmed near West Chicago, Illinois at a sight that is

now part of Fermi Lab. Then in 1915, Frank moved his family to SW Naperville to the Eichelburger farm. Frank had married Catherine Weber, an Aurora girl from "Pidgeon Hill". She bore eight children. One died in infancy. Around 1926, the family moved down the road to the Win G. Knoch farm. Here, Frank managed a dairy and hog operation until his death in 1954. Frank Molitor Jr. took over the business and has continued in that location for the past 27 years. It is with great pride and pleasure that the Molitor name has been linked for over half a century to that of the Knoch's.

Herman & Lena Mueller

Herman Mueller was born in Mechlenberg, Strelitz, Germany on November 21, 1879. He arrived in America at the age of 12 and worked as a farm hand on the old Fry Farm on Naperville-Plainfield Road. On January 14, 1904 he married Lena Moeller and farmed in the vicinity of Will County as a cattle and grain farmer until his retirement in 1944.

They were the parents of thirteen children. These being: Clarence (deceased), Merwyn, Henrietta (McEvoy), Irene (Wilkening), Leona (Van Dorn), Robert (deceased), Elizabeth, Caroline (Buckmaster), Carl, Arnold, Shirley (Ramsdell), Lois (Haidu) and LaVern.

John Murr Farm 1839-1977

The Murr farm was owned and operated by the families from 1839-1977 and consisted of 392 acres originally. It was located six miles southeast of Naperville, DuPage Township, Will County on Oldfield and River Roads, now named Boughton Road and Washington Street and east of the DuPage Presbyterian Church. Another description was listed as being just beyond the third iron bridge out of Naperville. Three iron bridges crossed the DuPage River outside of town in the early days.

The main part of the farm was purchased from the United States by James Robey November 16, 1839 which I presume by records and deeds, would be my great-great grandfather. Then my great grandparents, John and Harriet Glover 9/18/1858 and then to my grandparents John and Mary E. (Glover) Murr 5/13/1889. My parents, John and Elsie Murr purchased 80 acres 2/23/1907 and the balance of 160 acres 2/16/1921. Then my brother William Murr and Mae (Murr) Landorf had the farm (240 acres) from 1953-1977. It was sold in 1977 to developers and annexed to Bolingbrook which is now a housing development.

John Murr Sr., my grandfather, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, August 10, 1849, and as a young man came West with a friend, Frank Eichelberger to farm at Jefferson City, Iowa. From Iowa his family settled on the Naperville farm from 1886-1912, when my father and mother John Cleveland and Elsie Murr continued farming it and my grandparents retired to Naperville at 233 W. Douglas Avenue.

My father quit farming by doctors orders as in those days the work was very long, strenuous hours and in 1923 also moved into the city of Naperville at Mill and Jefferson Ave. which was a former home of our early settlers, Joseph Naper. From that time on the farm was occupied by tenants. Arthur Mueller, one tenant family was on the farm for over 30 years. In those days farmland rented from $14 to $17 per acre.

From 1869 to 1871 my grandfather, John Murr Sr. served in the United States Army and his discharge certificate calls him a "good soldier, a steady and reliable man." He married Mary E. Glover March 11, 1879.

The Hillside School, a one-room schoolhouse was moved on the northwest corner of the farm from the Abner Royce farm on the north and hauled to the Murr farm one mile south in February 1911 by horse and wagon. They wanted to locate the school at the corner of Oldfield Road and River Road, but the horses couldn't get it pulled up the hill, so they left it on the northwest corner of the farm on River Road. This was District #105 and was on about two acres of land. It was reverted back to the farm in 1955 after the school discontinued being used. August 1965 the building was burned by vandals.

My father, John C. Murr, in the early 1900's had large shire show horses. He walked the horses to Chicago yearly for the Annual Stock Shows held in the Chicago Stock Yards and won many ribbons and honors. Our families are still located in this area.

FAMILY TREE

1. James Robey family — Farm started 11-16-1839 then from generation to generation as follows.
2. John and Harriet Glover 9-18-1858
   Children: William Glover, Sarah Glover, James Glover, Mary Glover Murr (my grandmother), Ada Glover
3. John and Mary E. (Glover) Murr — John born August 10, 1849, married 3-11-1879, died Oc-

tober 30, 1925. Mary born April 9, 1855, died June 6, 1937.
Children: Harriet Murr, Edith Murr, John C. Murr

4. John and Elsie Murr — John born April 16, 1885, married September 18, 1909, died February 24, 1947. Elsie born February 4, 1890, died January 27, 1953.
Children: Fern Murr (deceased), Mae Murr Landorf - born April 13, 1913, William Murr - born August 23, 1915, John Murr - born September 30, 1917, Erna Murr - (deceased)
5. Raymond and Mae (Murr) Landorff — married May 14, 1939.
William and Marie Murr — married August 25, 1945
John and Audrey Murr — married August 9, 1947

1849-1983

Five generations in succession named "John"

1. John Murr Sr. born August 10, 1849 died 10/1925
2. John Cleveland Murr born April 16, 1885 died 2/1947
3. John Raymond Murr born September 30, 1917
4. John Raymond Murr Jr. born January 22, 1949
5. John Charles Murr born October 6, 1971

Bernard E. & Mabel A. Myers

In 1844, the Jacob Myers and William Stark families came to this area with twelve other families, including Johnsons, Hartmans, Fraleys, Slicks and Matters. Bishop Siebert of the Evangelical Church was a major influence in this move.

The Myers & Stark families settled on farms in the Copenhagen area of Wheatland Township.

Burton H. Myers, grandson of Jacob Myers and Ella V. Stark, granddaughter of William Stark were married in 1879. Burton farmed in this same area, before moving to Naperville to run the Myers livery stable and feed store. This store was located on the southwest corner of the Jackson and Main Street intersection, which is now part of the Riverwalk. With the advent of the automobile and the demise of the horse-drawn carriage, Burton entered the insurance business & had an office on Washington Street for many years.

Burton & Ella raised three sons & one daughter, two of whom lived in Naperville: Truman Irvin and Bernard Elias. Bernard married Mabel Ann Quantock from Wheatland Township in 1913. Mabel presently lives in Naperville, as well as her son Gerald Everett Myers and her daughter Shirley Myers Chivas.

Nadelhoffer — John I, John II, Carleton I

John Nadelhoffer I (1836-1889) was born in Ostheim, Alsace-Lorraine. He came to the United States in 1855 seeking opportunity and settled in DuPage County. In 1856 Katherine Krautwasser came from Alsace-Lorraine to marry John. They had seven children, one of whom was John II. John I farmed in Naperville on land rented from Delcar Sleight and James Wright. He grazed his livestock on what is now the main campus of North Central College and lived in a farmhouse that used to be where St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church now stands. In 1873 he bought a farm east of Route 53 on 71st Street in Lisle Township, (now the Village of Woodridge). He was one of the founders of the German Lutheran Church which is now St. John's Evangelical Church on Oleson Lane. The original church building is now known as the "Meeting House" in Naper Settlement. Early Naperville town records indicate he contributed a wagon and team of horses for road repair work. John I also held a position as Constable of Lisle Township. In 1888 John I went with his neighbor, Adam Dieter, to Alsace-Lorraine and brought back large gray Percheron horses for breeding stock. John I died from injuries received from one of his horses at a horse fair at the Preemption Inn in Naperville.

John Nadelhoffer II (1859-1935) was raised on the Nadelhoffer family farm in Lisle Township. The historic Indian Boundary Line formed part of the boundary of the farm. In 1890 he married Josephine Stauch, who was from a farming family in Wheaton and Glen Ellyn. They had five children: Gertrude (Mrs. O. Anderson); Marie; Carleton Frederick I; Dr. Luella Nadelhoffer (Mrs. Owen O'Neil), and Corrine (Mrs. Jack Greene). John II farmed in Lisle most of his life and was a life-long Democrat.

Carleton (Carlie) Frederick Nadelhoffer I (1895-1969) was raised on the Nadelhoffer family farm and attended Oberlin College and the University of Wisconsin at Madison. In 1926, he married Harriet Wilson the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Wilson, who were medical missionaries in India for 30 years. Harriet was a teacher at Avery Coonley School in Downers Grove and later taught in the Lisle Public School system. They had three children: Carleton Frederick Nadelhoffer II; Herbert Wilson and Caroline Louise (Mrs. Jack Orman). Carlie was a businessman and a dairy farmer. In

1957 he won the award for the highest milk-producing herd in Illinois. One of this herd was Ione "Ellie" Cinderalla, the top-producing aged cow in Illinois.

John I, John II and Carleton I and their spouses were all hard-working, intelligent, thrifty people who persevered through crop failures, chinch bugs, drought, losing their herds to T.B. and other diseases, depressions, bank closings, low crop prices, accidents, injuries and severe illnesses. Over 133 years of farming in the Naperville area was finally ended by high real estate taxes in 1972.

Rufus and Elizabeth Netzley

Jacob and Mary (nee DE Mentzer) came to Naperville by ship by way of Fort Dearborn in 1849. He built his first farm house just west of Lisle on Ogden Avenue. The house burned down a few years later and was replaced by a 14 room house, that in later years was occupied by the Yender family. Jacob and Mary moved into the house with ten children: Urias, Henry, Susan, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, Jacob, John, Daniel and Samuel. Four more children were born to them: Lineas, Franklin, Lydia and Lucy.

Henry was the second resident farmer. His children were Delia, Rufus, Mary, Laura, Ida, Jerad, Horace, Ira, Marius and Lillie.

Rufus, the third resident farmer, and his wife, Lizzie (Correll) had nine children: Etta, Arthur, Laura, Ida, Pearl, Stella, LeRoy, Clyde and Lualle.

Arthur farmed the homestead for a number of years before he gave up farming and was the last Netzley on the farm.

Peter Olesen

Peter Olesen came to the United States from Haastrup, Denmark in 1899, at the age of 19. When he reached Kane County, Illinois, he had only $5.00 in his pocket! He had an uncle that lived on a farm near Elburn and he worked for farmers in that area, earning from $16.00 to $20.00 per month.

Doris Heusinger, (his wife-to-be) was born in Plano, Illinois the oldest of 5 children. Her mother died in childbirth when Doris was 8 years old. She was taken in by a uncle but shortly therafter was placed in a boarding house to work, as her uncle had a large family of his own to raise. Later, the boarding house closed and she went to live with a farm family near Hinckley, where she stayed until she was 17 years old, at which time she met and married her first husband, Chris Peterson. They had 2 sons: Wayne & Earl. Mr. Peterson got tuberculosis and died shortly thereafter.

Peter and Doris met when they were each 23 years old and were married March 2, 1904, the same year Peter became an American citizen. They started farming near Hinckley on a farm they rented for $6.00 an acre. After about 6 years, they bought 80 acres of the farm they had been renting. They developed an accredited Holstein herd and shipped milk to Chicago, driving horses and wagon to town 3 miles each morning with the milk.

They had started their family by this time and in 1916 they traded their Hinckley farm for part payment on a farm east of Naperville on the road that was eventually to be called Olesen Lane. The price was $180.00 an acre for 190 acres, 70 acres on the west side of the lane and 120 acres on the east side where the stone farmhouse was situated.

The Olesens were members of the First Congregational Church in Naperville.

They had a real struggle and many times wondered if they would lose the farm. They developed quite a dairy business, selling to householders in Naperville. The milk was tuberculin tested but was not pasteurized. They carried on this operation for 25 years, milking 20 to 25 head of cattle. They had a hand-operated bottling machine and bottled about 200 quarts and 60 pints daily.

After most of the children had grown and left home, the Olesen's quit the dairy business, sold their herd of dairy cattle and raised feeder cattle. The feeder cattle were less work and more profitable than the dairy business.

In 1959, the Olesen's decided to quit farming as they were both 79 years old and they purchased a home in Naperville, where they moved with their daughter, Alice. Their other children all live in the area. Gladys (Mrs. Glen Sprague) in Plainfield; Ernest in Naperville; Hazel (Mrs. Alfred Faser) in Lockport; Olive (Mrs. Arnell Peltzer), Floyd and Roy all live in Aurora.

The Olesen's celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary in 1967 and Doris passed away in 1968, shortly before her 88th birthday.

Peter still drove his car around town, mowed his own lawn and maintained the house and yard until three months before his death in November, 1979 at the age of 99.

Harold Olsen

Harold Fisher Olsen was born in Champaign, Illinois; son of Amos Fay and Rosetta Fisher; brother of Clifford Olsen, and his sister is Mrs. Clarence (Zorak) Pantke.

At an early age the family moved North of Wheaton, to a farm around Cloverdale. Some years later, they moved to farms around the Naperville Area. Then known as the Cardon and Firestein farms; also the Pelling farm near Lisle, Illinois.

Harold married Virginia Steck — daughter of Harlan and Ruth (Hawbecker) Steck.

Their children are Gerald Olsen — married to Judy Cooper. Their children are: Tod, Troy, & Kirsten.

Diane Olsen married Brian Mazza and their children are Lisa & Shawn. Also a son Ronald Olsen.

Harold worked for Herman Lindholm who owned the Vitamin Egg Farm and Hatchery & Feed Store located at 638 S. Washington Street, Naperville.

Harold later purchased the business from Lindholms and it was called Harold Olsen & Sons Wayne Feed store.

As the farms were sold and subdivided — Harold worked for the State of Illinois, as a foreman for the Department of Transportation. Harold passed away on September 8th, 1980.

Bernard and Alice Otterpohl Dairy

The Otterpohl Dairy contribution to the Farmers Riverwalk Project was made in the name of Bernard and Alice (Kearns) Otterpohl. The dairy served a large portion of Naperville for 51 continuous years. In 1896, Bernard's father, Herman, established a milk route from his grocery store across from the railroad depot. In 1906 Herman built a modern dairy behind his house on Front Street (later 12 S. Ellsworth St.). He installed the first pasteurizing equipment, buying his milk from a number of the areas farmers. Bernard bought the dairy from his father in 1926. It remained a prominent Naperville business until it was sold in 1947.

Farming was the original occupation of the family on all sides. Alice Otterpohl was the daughter of Edward Kearns of River Road. Herman Otterpohl was the son of Conrad Otterpohl, who came here in 1851 from Prussia. He married Mary Wiesbrook in 1853 and they farmed on Warrenville Road until Conrad's death in 1898. The farm was then sold to Conrad Wiesbrook. There have been six generations of Otterpohls here to date.

Edward Pattermann

Edward Pattermann was born January 2, 1902 in "Big Woods", and moved to Warrenville, Illinois in 1929. He farmed in the area until 1948. He married Lillian Brummel, who also came from the "Big Woods" area, presently called Marywood. They had three children: Gerald, Norbert and Janice. He later farmed on Route 59 and that is now a huge subdivision.

Around 1948, due to post-war conditions, Ed and his family moved into town. He bought shares in part ownership in Naperville Liquors, located at 42 West Jefferson Street. He sold out in 1971 and became an active retiree in auctioning, which he continued to do until he passed away on August 9, 1979. His wife, Lillian passed away some years earlier on June 17, 1960.

There are eleven grandchildren: Steven, Edward and Kenneth, sons of Gerald. Janice Kreinbrink has two boys, Paul and Bob. The children of Norbert are: Victor, Cindy, Scott, Chip, Patrick and John.

Robert L. Patterson, grandfather
William H. "Wid" Patterson, father
of Warren J. and Frances M. Patterson

On May 4th, 1844, Mungo Patterson Sr. and his wife Agnes Clow Patterson and son John W. Patterson arrived in Naperville by stage coach from Chicago, along with Agnes' father and brothers and sisters (6 brothers and 2 sisters). Two hired wagons brought part of their luggage and boxes and they went into their hired house (which was located where the present Naperville Post Office stands). Two days later two Clow men went back to Chicago to inquire where wild land was to be had.

On May 18th, they went south to see some Prairie land on the DuPage River. They were pleased with one 90 acre lot and one whole section (15) and were to go to Chicago on Monday to deed it.

A break in records of about a year was resumed in June 1845, reporting on progress of building on the land in NW Will County, Wheatland Township.

Robert L. Patterson Sr. was born in above mentioned house in Naperville on November 18, 1844 and when the house in Wheatland (where Wm. Clow lives), they moved in on December 6, 1845

and all lived together until the Mungo Patterson home was built (where Earl Meisinger now lives).

Robert L. Patterson, b.11/14/1844, the second child in a family of four boys and two girls, helped with the home farming until he married Elizabeth Sinton, b.3/15/1844 at Solway Bank, Scotland on 3/31/1866 and farmed in DuPage Township the rest of his life. The first farm was on now Weber Road, one-half mile south of 111th Street and moved to farm on Old Chicago Road (now Boughton) in 1883.

When his sons became old enough to do most of the farming he attended Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and received his certificate for Evangelical preaching and preached from 1897 until 1900 in DuPage Presbyterian church located on (now Joliet Naperville Road) where his parents and his family had always attended. His death occured on 1/15/1900.

Of this union three boys and three girls were born: Mary Isabella Patterson (Emery) b.1/20/1867, d.4/18/1950. Robert L. Patterson Jr. (Delia Brossman) b.12/11/1870, d.11/3/1954. Ruth Patterson (Sheldon) b.9/9/1874, d.9/2/1959. Mungo John Patterson b.7/31/1876, d.7/21/1964 (never married), William Henry Patterson b.6/28/1878, d.3/27/1959 (married Roberta Mather), Ida Luella Patterson (Hartong) b.8/15/1878, d.12/19/1960.

The second name on the memorial stone is in remembrance of William H. "Wid" Patterson, who with his brother Mungo farmed the home place after his father's death for their mother and married Roberta E. Mather b.6/24/1879 m.6/28/1900 and they lived in the family home on Boughton Road until 4/1/1913 when they moved to the Glavey farm they had bought just south of the homestead, now on 111th Street. To this union were born five children: Emery Robert Patterson b.7/25/1901, d.12/27/1901 in infancy, Elizabeth Ida Patterson (Wiesbrook) b.3/24/1905, d.5/6/1945, Frances Mabel Patterson b.6/1/1913 (never married), Warren J. Patterson b.4/17/1918 (never married), Helen M. Patterson b.5/25/1920, d.5/26/1920 in infancy.

Frances and Warren, never married and stayed on the farm helping their parents and are still living in the house they were born in and though retired, lead an active life in the community and church that the families of the four generations mentioned above have attended.

(Composed by Frances M. Patterson with parts taken from diaries of Mungo Sr. and Robert L. Patterson.)

Thomas Patterson

Thomas Patterson was born January 14, 1822 at Kirtlehead, Waterbeck, Dumfrieshire, Scotland. As a young man he went to Manchester, England, and learned the carpentry trade. There he met and married Agnes Palmer, June 28, 1854.

Four brothers and one sister had left the homeland and gone to America. Thomas wanted to come but would not leave for the new land as long as his mother lived. Upon her death in November, 1857 he was ready to come to the new land. In 1858 the trip was made by sailing vessel, then by train to Winfield, Illinois, then stage coach to Naperville, where Uncle Mungo Patterson met the family with the lumber wagon.

The family lived with Mungo Patterson for nearly two years. In 1860 they moved to the farm across from where the Naperville sewage plant is now located. Thomas now became a farmer since he had his own farm, but probably worked as a carpenter when needed. Agnes was an excellent seamstress and she was also called upon to help neighbors when there was sickness in the family or a new baby was expected. Thomas served as a school director for many years and the family were members of the United Presbyterian Church in West Wheatland.

John Palmer Patterson, the oldest child of Thomas and Agnes was born in Scotland in 1855 and came with his parents to the new land, where he remained on the home farm. For many years he was a butter maker in the creamery located near the present Zion Lutheran Church. He married Emma Matter and they had seven children: Ralph, Sterling, Roger, Bernice, Gladys, James and Homer. Only the two oldest and the two youngest lived to marry and have children.

A daughter, Agnes, was born December 12, 1859. She married Alexander McPherson, August 14, 1885 and lived in Cherokee, Iowa for a time. Mr. McPherson died shortly after the birth of their daughter Jane. Agnes and daughter Jane, better known as Jennie, returned to the home place in Wheatland. Agnes McPherson was mid-wife to many children in Wheatland. Jane (Jennie) married Frank Fraley, September 8, 1910 and of this marriage five children were born; Mary Agnes, Olive, Bruce, Florence and Carolyn.

A daughter, Elizabeth, was born to Thomas and Agnes on January 7, 1870. She remained single and taught school in the Wheatland area during her lifetime.

Thomas Patterson always helped friends and neighbors whenever he could and it was during a barn raising in a severe rainstorm he contracted pneumonia and died November 24, 1878. His wife, Agnes, died April 25, 1911.

John and Nellie Patterson

Daniel Patterson was born October 8, 1829 in Dumfrieshire, Scotland in the family home known as Kirtlehead near Ecclefechen, a hilly sheep farm. He was the 10th child of John and Jane Hall Patterson. He left home at age 20 and came to America in 1849.

Daniel's younger brother, James came over in 1852. They purchased 120 acres of land in Section 9, in Wheatland Township, Will County, Illinois, about 8 miles southwest of Naperville.

Daniel married Jane Williamson of Lake County, Illinois, on October 13, 1859. Jane was born January 1, 1839 in Dumfrieshire, Scotland and came to America with her parents. Daniel and bachelor brother, James, gradually built barns and cribs and enlarged the house as the family increased. Dan and Jane had ten children, the two oldest died in an epidemic in June 1864. There were six girls and four boys in the family. Daniel was a very likeable person and belonged to the DuPage Presbyterian Church and rarely missed a service. He was a member for 58 years and an elder for 41 years.

James lived with his brother, Daniel's family and they were public spirited people. James was founder of the Wheatland Plowing Match. Both of them took part in community affairs, including Farmers Institute, religious, political, educational and social events. They traded and bought what they needed in Naperville and Plainfield.

Their son, John Williamson, was born November 16, 1869 and he married Nellie Clow on August 5, 1903. They lived on his father's and mother's farm after his parents retired. John and Nellie had six children: Thomas, Stewart, Harvey, Helen, Isabel and James. All of them graduated from Naperville High School, except Isabel who died at 14 years, and they are all retired from farming. James died December 4, 1971.

John P. and Lida Rickert

John P. Rickert was born in Geneva, Illinois in 1845. He was one of eight children of John Rickert Sr. and Elizabeth (Alspaugh), who came from Orwigsburg in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. His father's family settled in Hinckley, Illinois. He married Lida McKinney in 1876 and they started farming on the Rickert farm (now 75th Street and Book Road). His residence was known as "Tin Pan Alley".

Three children were born to John and Lida: Minnie (Patterson), Adrienne (Book) and Grace (McCabe). In the fifties, John and Lida moved to town and rented the farm out, but that did not stop John from his farm work. He would drive either his buggy or wagon to the farm every day to work. Before going to the farm he would stop at Latshaw's candy store for a sack of candy for the grandchildren.

Mr. Rickert loved the farm and the land, and one of the highlights of his life was to just watch things grow.

Mrs. Rickert was born in Brooklyn, Pennsylvania. At an early age she worked in the textile mills in New England. She also taught school for $17 a month.

Frank X. and Louise Riedy

The Riedy roots recorded in 1711, in Hilsenhiem, Germany tell of the wedding of Albert Johann Riedy and Cunnegunde Miller. Tracing generations, there was Adam Riedy, his son, Joseph and Joseph's son Xavier, who married Theresa Geschwindenhammer about 1820. They migrated to America in 1843 and Xavier bought 80 acres of fertile prairie land between Main Street and the DuPage River in Lisle for $28.00 an acre. They had nine children. Xavier came first with his two oldest sons, Johann and Martin. Theresa and four youngest children stayed home, because she thought the crossing was too hazardous and would take six weeks. Xavier and his boys secured a piece of land, then he returned to Hilsenheim to bring the rest of the family to Lisle.

Martin Riedy married Elizabeth Rohmer, who lived less than a year. With Alois Schwartz and Adam Kohley, Martin went to find gold in California. An indian shot one of the men in the wagon party and Martin returned to Lisle by water and rail. John Riedy, his brother, set out later for the West, but was never heard from again. His brother, Albert, joined the "Blues" in the Civil War and was killed. Martin married Magdalene Yackley in 1854. Their son, Frank, at the age of 24, went to the California gold fields with the Seiler and Schwartz boys. From California they went to Oregon, where they worked in the wheat fields, driving a twenty-horse team on binder or reaper.

Frank returned to Lisle and married Louise Winckler in SS Peter and Paul Church on October 18, 1881. He rented the Krumlauf farm on Chicago Avenue from his father. For the first few years of

farming, he sold his milk on a dairy route in Naperville. He rang a bell to notify his customers of his coming.

Frank and Louise had nine children: six girls and three boys. These being: Anna (D.W. Meyer), Eleanor (Henry Hinterlong), Julian (Theresa Wiesbrook), Magdalena (Leo Rechenmacher), Emmet (Mildred Matter), Coletta (Dwight Bannister), Marie, Frank Dewey (Antoinette Schmidt) and Olive (Richard Cantwell).

In 1983, Coletta Riedy Bannister, Marie Riedy and Mrs. Dewey Riedy are living in Naperville, and Olive Riedy Cantwell is living in Florida.

Julian & Theresa Riedy

Julian Riedy, son of Frank & Louise Riedy, was born October 14, 1886 in the house located on the N.E. corner of Chicago Avenue and Olesen Road.

Julian married Theresa Weisbrook May 9, 1912, after which they rented, at a cost of $9.00 per acre, and farmed the 117 acres his father owned, located at the S.E. corner of Chicago Avenue & Olesen Road.

March of 1927 Julian & Theresa sold, at auction, their farm machinery and livestock, and moved to town (Naperville).

Children of Julian & Theresa are: Henry, Paul, Marguerite and Elmer.

Demolition of the Riedy homestead, on the N.E. corner, took place December 1, 1982.

Edmund L. Rieser

Edmund L. Rieser was born in Lisle Township on July 6, 1895. He married Anna Lies of Big Woods in Aurora. They farmed north of town, between Naperville and Warrenville from 1921 to 1965. They had five children: Shirley M., Robert, Richard, Ronald and Joan Renc. Edmund died on September 19, 1978. Mrs. Rieser and all of their children are residents of Naperville.

Hubert and Laura Rink

Hubert Rink was born and raised on the Jacob Rink farm on Route 34, Naperville Township. At the age of fourteen he moved to Chicago and while there he met and married Laura Lapp. After their marriage they returned to the Rink farm where they spent their lives together with their two children: Gordon was born in the year 1922 and Virginia (La Magdeline) was born in 1927.

Hubert passed away in 1968. Laura continued her life on the farm until her death in 1973.

The Joseph F. Roth Family

The Joseph Roth family came to Naperville in the Spring of 1939. Mr. Roth had spent the previous year at the behest of John Middleton, a Chicago businessman, driving around the western suburban area looking for suitable land.

Joe had come to the United States in the 1920's from Pfarkierken, Germany. He worked at St. Josephs College in Rensselaer, Ind. and Our Lady of Bethlehem Academy, in La Grange, Illinois as a landscape architect.

The Middleton Farm, which was worked by the Roth family was located two and one half miles south of Hobson Road, on Greene Road and one half mile west of Rt. 53. The boundary line between DuPage and Will County ran through the Farm. John J. Augsburg, farmed the land to the north and the DuPage River formed the boundary to the east.

The farm was a working farm from 1939 until 1967, when Joe passed away. The main product, was a large herd of Registered Purebread Hereford Cattle, usually about 130 head. He supplied many of the Future Farmers of America and F-H boys and girls with calves for their projects.

Joe always used new agricultural methods and did much to preserve the land and enrich it. He was one of the first farmers in DuPage County to be ecology minded. In the October 1956 issue of "Farm Journal" a feature article was written about his methods. "One acre makes $160 in beef . . ., that's what Joe Roth's pasture produces since he shifted in rotational grazing. These pictures of lush, knee high forage were taken on August 1st, when most pastures are fading. Roth's entire farm is arranged so it can be pastured in strips. Roth rotates 130 cows, heifers and calves among 30 acres of pasture strips."

After the farm was sold, mother Rose, continued to serve the community. In 1969, she joined the staff of Edward Hospital. In the Medical Records Dept. it was her special joy to help any of the old farm friends in a time of distress. Rose passed away in February of 1981. Son Joe, who worked with his father for many years, still lives in Naperville. Daughter Marilynn lives in San Celemente, California. Son Richard died as the result of an automobile accident. Daughter Rose Marie Mannion lives in Long Beach, Indiana.

Harold and Anna Rott

Seraphine Rott was born in Thannenkirsh, Hant Rhein, Alsace, France on January 2, 1830. He was the youngest son of Anton and Genevieve Rott. He had two brothers and a sister, and was the only one of the family to come to America. In 1849 he arrived by sailboat, after 62 days on the water, and came to Lisle Township. He worked as a farm hand for the Dieter family and met Theresa Slater, who was also from Alsace, France. She was born in Hessenheim, France on June 21, 1831, and lived for a time in Chicago. From there she came to Naperville on a bobsled with a group of immigrants. The owner and driver of the bobsled was Joseph Drendel I, a Naperville farmer.

Seraphine and Theresa were married on Thanksgiving day, November 30, 1955 at SS Peter and Paul Church. They lived on a farm about two miles southwest of Lisle, and were blessed with eleven children, six boys and five girls. Later they sold the farm to the Benedictine Fathers and the homestead became the first St. Joseph's Orphanage. They lived their fifty years of married life in Lisle Township. Their oldest son Seraphine married Anna Lotter and they were blessed with three children.

Their oldest, Harold, married Anna Diehl, the oldest daughter of George Diehl on February 18, 1914. They had ten children, seven boys and three girls. In March of 1929 they moved to the farm on Wehrli Road which they had purchased from Anna's uncle, Henry Diehl. Here they lived and worked the rest of their lives.

The children of Harold and Anna Rott are, Robert, Marion O'Connor, Laura, Vincent, Rita Lisson, James, Ralph, Bernard, Carl and Donald.

Bernard C. and Beverly Rott

Bernard Rott was born on October 24, 1928, the son of Harold and Anna Rott. On November 17, 1949 he married Beverly L. Kloth, the daughter of George and Louis Kloth. They moved to a farm called "Elbien Acres" on Butterfield Road near Wheaton, Illinois, where he worked for five months. Then they moved to 219 Aurora Avenue in Naperville, where they had their first child, Bernard R. on August 11, 1950. In the spring of 1951, the family moved to an apartment on Water Avenue. The building had originally been an old harness shop located on South Main Street. Three more children were born while at this residence: Connie (Medeiros), born February 11, 1952, Paula (Horen), born July 20, 1953, and Barbara, born September 22, 1954.

March of 1955, the family moved to a farm on 77th Street and rented the farm house for 19 years. During this time they had five more children: Stephen K., born, October 15, 1955; Jeffrey A., born February 9, 1957; Jayne, born August 1, 1959; Cynthia, born January 26, 1961 and John, born December 18, 1962.

Besides renting this house, he began in 1969, renting this farm and the farm directly south of there. These farms were located at the southeast corner of 77th Street and Wehrli Road and he continued to rent both farms until 1976. Other acreage was also rented during this time and consisted of 600 acres totally.

In late August of 1974, Bernie and family moved to Hillcrest Farms in Magnolia, Illinois. He is purchasing this farm which has 328 acres. Beverly passed away in the spring of 1983.

Bernard Jr. and his wife Judy (Gatenby) have two children, Julie and Mathew, and they farm what is left of the old homestead of his paternal grandparents. He is now purchasing a farm in Edgerton, Wisconsin.

Connie and husband Earl Medeiros, D.D.S. work and live in Naperville.

Paula and Richard Horen live in Sandwich, Illinois.

Barbara lives in Lisle, Illinois.

Stephen resides in Naperville and farms rented acreage and helps his brother, Bernard, on the farm he rents.

Jeffrey and Carolyn (Meister) make their home in Naperville.

Jayne and her husband Lawrence Smith and son, Scott, are residents of Magnolia.

Cynthia and John live at home in Magnolia, and John helps his father on the farm.

Ernest J. and Eleanor Rowe

Ernest J. and Eleanor Rowe moved to Naperville on March 7, 1944, to manage a dairy farm owned by Arthur G. Rapp, who lived in Cicero, Illinois. This farm consisted of 105 acres, bordered on the north by Hobson Road, on the east by Wehrli Road, on the west by the Charles Goodrich farm and on the south by the Rott farm. Today 75th Street runs through the south end. He managed the farm from 1944 until June 1, 1957, when Mr. Rapp sold it, due to illness, to John Fry. Ernest and Eleanor moved into town on North Washington Street, and he became a mailman until his retirement.

They have three sons, Lawrence, Richard and Carl.

The Royce Family

Jonathan Royce IV and his wife, Polly Emery Royce, came to Illinois in August, 1835 from Whallonsburg, Essex County, N.Y., having left there in June.

Jonathan and Polly Royce had twelve children: Lois, Sarah, Polly, Phoebe, Orlin, Hannah, Hepsibath, Abigail, Maria, Jonathan, Charlotte and Abner. Hannah stopped off in western N.Y. to visit her sister Phoebe and came to Illinois later. Orlin and Abigail went to Iowa and located there.

The other children came to Illinois with their parents and located on a farm purchased from Mr. Blodgett on the east branch of the DuPage River in the County of Will. A log house was built on the farm in 1838 in a very pretty location. A large spring furnished water for the family, the river was nearby and there was a fine forest of a variety of trees. When they came there was wild game and fish was plentiful, also wild berries and fruit. As the country built up these disappeared.

The old homestead, an historical landmark in the community, was acquired by the Naperville Park District in 1980, and soon thereafter destroyed by vandals.

The children of Jonathan Royce IV and Polly Royce eventually married into other settler families with familiar names such as: Ingals, Sheldon, Mather, King, Fortune, Mack, Hobson, Phelps, Orcutt, Stafford, Sprague, Yack, Thompson, Wolfsfelt, Boardman, Noble, Thomas, Rott, Chambers, Sargent, Gamertsfelder and Fortune. Many of these children were farmers and remained on the land.

When Jonathan Royce IV left the farm he bought a home in Naperville at 227 E. Jefferson Street where he lived until his death. A maiden daughter, Maria Royce, continued to live in this home until her death. This property is now known as the "May Watts House" and many of the trees and shrubs growing there were planted by Maria Royce in her lifetime.

Emma Royce Wolsfelt (94) a granddaughter of Jonathan Royce V. still lives in Naperville, as well as Helen Royce Kobliska, a great-granddaughter of Jonathan Royce IV.

(Contributions to the memorial fund were given by children and grandchildren of Helen Royce Thomas and Truman P. Royce, children of Abner Royce Sr.)

St. Procopius Abbey Farm

The St. Procopius Abbey Farm began operating in 1896. In preparation for moving its schools to Lisle, St. Procopius Abbey (a religious community of the Order of St. Benedict) purchased the Morris Neff Farm (1896) and continued the farm operations, expanding to include adjoining farms: the Seraphim Rott Farm (1897) and the Edward Beldensperger property (1898). St. Procopius Academy (later known as Benet Academy) was relocated from Chicago to a new building on the former Neff property in 1901; St. Procopius College and Seminary were later located here too. These schools were partially supported by the farm with its large dairy herd and chicken farm, hogs and steers, grain and vegetable fields.

Adjoining properties were added to the abbey farm: the Edward Hinterlong farm (1917), the John D. Lundy farm (1919), Philip Corel farm (1924), and the Adam Diehl farm (1925). Functioning in various capacities, the following are among the many priests and brothers of St. Procopius Abbey involved in the farm: Rev. Aloysius Keclik, O.S.B., Rev. Wenceslaus Michalicka, O.S.B., Rev. Bede Cernik, O.S.B., Br. Jude Vondracek, O.S.B., Br. Matthew Netreba, O.S.B., Br. Valentine Pavlinak, O.S.B., Br. Ludvik Smolek, O.S.B.

There were also a number of non-Benedictines employed, some as managers, like Mr. Tony Meyer and Mr. Bob Hatch. The St. Procopius Abbey farm operations were phased out in the late 1960's and the land not retained by the abbey for educational purposes was sold to real estate developers. The greater portion of the Green Trails development was at one time the St. Procopius Abbey Farm.

The Schmidt farm was purchased in 1954 and the Silhanek farm was purchased in 1963; but these were never a part of the Abbey farm; these two farms were rented out to families.

The present abbey building stands on the hill formerly the site of the Lundy farm. Benet Academy is on the site of the Schwartz and Corel properties. Illinois Benedictine College is on the site of the Neff farm; the stone house near the road is what remains of the Neff farmhouse.

Marquis L. and Lois M. Sargent

John Sargent was born December 7, 1794 in Holderness, New Hampshire. He married Irene Sweet, born December 13, 1801 in the state of New York. They came to Naperville in 1837 and settled on the farm just north of what is now Ogden Avenue. It was bounded on the west by Brainard Street, the north by Bauer Road and the east by Sargents Woods (now called Brummel's Woods).

The farm consisted of 145 acres and they raised purebred cows and sold the milk and butter in town.

Their son, Marquis Lafayette, was born January 30, 1833 at Rochester, Michigan. He married Lois Maria Ingalls of Naperville, who was born January 1, 1837 in New York. The Ingalls farm was located five miles south of town. They farmed the Sargent farm and Marquis died January 12, 1867 and Lois died January 18, 1876. Their son, Edwin Earl, and daughter Loren were raised on the farm. Edwin owned the Fountain Garage during World War I, and Loren (Tobias) had a millinery store with Mabel Parks, on Washington Street, about across from the Sargent Building, on the east side of the street.

Edwin's children are Lois Taggart, Charles Earl Sargent and Caryl Bentz.

The Harvey and Lorene Schultz Family

Harvey J. Schultz was born on October 15, 1900 to Conrad and Barbara Schultz. They lived on a farm north of Naperville on Wheaton Road.

He married Lorene K. Spinner, daughter of George and Frances Spinner on November 7, 1923 in Wenker Hall at SS Peter and Paul, Naperville. Lorene was born on June 27, 1904 at home on the Hill Top Farm on Aurora Road.

Harvey and Lorene lived in Naperville most of their lives. From 1924-1927 they owned and operated a fruit store in Elmhurst, Illinois. 1927-1938 Harvey drove a truck for Kroehler Mfg. Co. and they and their children lived in the town of Naperville. On March 22, 1938 Harvey, Lorene and their four children, June (Rott) Mary Jane (Springborn), George and James moved to a farm on the corner of Hobson and College Roads. They continued farming at this location until 1958 when they moved to Odell, Illinois where they continued farming.

September, 1967 they purchased and moved a final time to a home at 20 South Julian Street, Naperville, Illinois.

Harvey died April 2, 1975 at Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, Illinois and Lorene died at Presbyterian-St. Lukes Hospital in Chicago on November 30, 1979. Funeral masses for both, Harvey and Lorene, were at SS Peter & Paul Church, Naperville, Illinois, where they both were baptized, received their first communion, confirmed and were united in marriage. Burial was in St. Peter & Paul Cemetery.

Gregory Schussler

Gregory Schussler is listed as one of the Roman Catholic population on the deed of SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Naperville, November 27, 1849, having arrived in Naperville area prior to that time.

Gregory Schussler was born in Baden, Germany (1814-1881), married in 1844 to Francis Bapst (1820-1891) of Alsace, France, daughter of Dominic Bapst (1797-1882). All were buried in SS Peter & Paul Cemetery, Naperville, Illinois.

The farm of Gregory Schussler was located north of Maple Ave., and west of Rt 53. His father-in-law Dominic Bapst had a farm on Olson Lane, very near Maple Ave. The Gregory Schusslers lived in a log cabin on the farm and had eleven children. Four died in infancy during the typhoid epidemic. Gregory Schussler's son, Albert, 1853-1946 (twin of Louis who died at age 15), attended Bonaparte School (Park Blvd. and Butterfield Rd.), riding to school on horseback.

Albert drove cattle to Chicago market on Plank Road, traded horses at the Preemption House in Naperville and was known for his fine horses and an excellent meat cutter.

When Albert married Carolyn Mittman (1867-1940) in 1888, they continued to farm north of Wheaton, but south of Cloverdale. Their daughter, Amelia, married Oscar Engstrom, who farmed the Schussler farm. Oscar Engstrom was a charter member in Farm Bureau DuPage County, and the Holstein Fresian Association, having a Purebred Holstein dairy herd. He was the first farmer in DuPage County to grow soy beans as an experiment for the University of Illinois during the 1933 draught year.

Their daughter, Dellora (twin of Donald, deceased), married William Lenert of Lenert Plumbing & Heating Co., Naperville, and continued her farm interest through family farming and 4-H leadership (Merry Maids). Known as Dolly, her sister, Merrida, continued to farm in the Maple Park area. Married to Verner Carlson, they have two daughters and 4 grandchildren. Dolly has two sons and 2 grandchildren.

Seven generations have permeated the Naperville area.

The donation to the Farmers' Community Plaza in honor of the Naperville Sesquicentennial (1831-1981) was made in the name of Gregory Schussler by his great granddaughters, Merrida (Carlson) and Dellora (Dolly Lenert) Engstrom.

Joseph H. & Julia Schwartz

Joseph H. Schwartz and Julia Gartner were married in 1906 in SS Peter & Paul Church. In 1908 they purchased 63 acres of land which was the Charles Manbeck farm located on North Columbia Street about two blocks north of the Burlington Railroad.

The products from City Side farm were shipped to Chicago by freight and later by truck for firms using horses for transportation.

Joseph was the son of Ferdinand Schwartz who immigrated to America in 1846 and settled on a farm midway between Naperville and Lisle.

Joseph and Julia operated City Side farm until 1936 when they retired. The land was sold in 1977 to Macon Corporation and has been named Columbia Estates.

Joseph died in 1956 and his wife passed away in 1970. They are survived by five daughters: Irene, Bernice, Catherine Reuss, Mary Buccini and Ruth Makins.

Michael Schwartz I. Family

Michael Schwartz I. and family came to this area from Alsace, France. Several families would band together for the long trip by boat to the U.S.A.

The writer of this memo recalls being told by Michael Schwarts II, that one of his brothers was lost at sea during the boat trip. His older brother, Alois Schwartz got a deed in 1864 for the farm property located on the north side of Hobson Road near Wehrli Road and Old College Road. Then in 1883 Michael II, my grandfather, secured the deed to the farm area and retained it until 6-13-31 when it was deeded to Cornelia, his daughter. (In 1905 John Wm. Egermann married Cornelia Schwartz. During their lifetime three sons were born: Anthony J., Julian S. and Joseph M.)

In 1973 DuPage County Forest Preserve secured the heavy wooded area off the north east corner of Old College Road and Hobson Road. (At this writing the then College Road is closed to traffic at that corner).

By: Anthony J. Egermann.

Emil and Mary Schwerer

Robert and Elizabeth Hatch came from Germany and were married in 1881 at SS Peter and Paul Church, Naperville. They farmed south of 77th Street on 200 acres purchased from Arthur Freeman in 1896. Their daughter Mary married Emil Schwerer and they farmed it from 1909, renting until they purchased the farm in 1924. They lived there until 1924 and raised four daughters, Leona (Vincent Brummel), Elizabeth (Edward Kraisinger), Annabelle (Edward Kuhn) and Irene (Edward LaRoux).

The property is now belongs to the DuPage County Boy Scouts and is called Camp Thunderbird.

Frank and Mary Seller

Frank Seller was born February 1, 1862 in Lisle Township, on a farm southeast of Naperville. He was the son of Joseph and Anna Seiler, who came to this country from Alsace, France, in 1846. The farm was located on Green Road and consisted of 252 acres. He married Mary Keller, daughter of Adam and Barbara Keller, and farmed his parents' farm until February 1918 when he moved to Naperville on Benton Street and lived there until he died in 1951. To this union, two daughters were born: Esther and Florence. The farm was in the Seiler name for 125 years.

John A. Seppelfrick

John A. Seppelfrick born August 31, 1899, son of Herman and Eva Seppelfrick. Worked on farms in the Naperville area. Married Margaret Schmars, February 14, 1925 at St. Mary's Catholic church in Plainfield, Illinois.

Started farming on his own in 1924 on 87th Street. Second farm, east of Naperville-Plainfield Road, on north side of road. (Paul Hartman last owner).

Moved to Modaff Road in 1932. Farmed third farm north of 87th Street on east side of road (Bernard Flock residence).

In 1939 moved to College Road. First farm east of Abbey on west side of road.

1950 moved to Naperville-Plainfield Road. Second farm, south of 7th Street on east side of road. Lived here until his death, January 2, 1972. His wife Margaret S. Seppelfrick died April 21, 1983. Father of Virginia Orcutt, Lois Voris and Jane Kott.

The Shiffler Family

The Shiffler family, which migrated from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, settled on a farm located on the east side of the West Branch of the DuPage River and is now bisected by the E-W Tollway, in the 1850's.

Henry Shiffler, my grandfather, married Mary Ann Erb, whose parents owned a neighboring farm in 1862. Chas. Shiffler, the only child, lived on the farm until he married Emma Sollenberger in 1890. He purchased the farm on the east side of old Warrenville Road and south of the E-W Tollway. This farm has been developed commercially and also includes a park owned by the Naperville Park District. He farmed this land until 1905 when he moved to Naperville to enter the building business.

Charles later acquired the farm on the northwest corner of the intersection of Plainfield Road and 75th Street. This land was farmed for many years by Les Steck.

Descendants of Henry Shiffler still living in the Naperville are: Arlyn-grandson; Kenneth & Jack-great-grandsons; Steven, Sandra Flanders, Marie, Kerri-great-great-grandchildren. Kristen Flanders-great-great-great-grandchild. Other children of Chas. are: Paul, Dessa, Della, all deceased), Ward and Elbert.

Clarence & Catherine Shoger

Clarence Shoger was born on a farm in Oswego, Illinois on May 28, 1874. He married Catherine Ward on May 28, 1906. She was born November 1, 1879 in Wheatland Township. The first year of marriage was spent on a farm in Sugar Grove. In the spring of 1907 they bought 160 acres on Oswego Road, 1½ miles west of Naperville. Here they raised four children: Ruth (Ralph Breitweiser), Darwin (Roberta Oaks), Beula & Ward (Ann Baumgertner).

Upon Clarence's retirement from active farming in 1925, the farm was rented to Vincent Brummel. He worked several places; Rassweiler's Hardward, Naperville Country Club, and the Prince Castle ice cream plant, retiring at the age of 85.

The Shogers were the organizers of the Rural Life Progress Club in 1917. Catherine was the organizer of the DuPage County Home Bureau in 1930; this is now called Homemakers Extension. As 50-year members, they received the Golden Anniversary Citation in 1967. They also won the 1940 award for DuPage County, the State of Illinois, Henry Horner Farm Floral contest.

They both died at the age of 96, he on May 13, 1970 and she on April 20, 1975.

The farm was sold in 1970 and is now being farmed by Vincent Brummel's son Bob and his son who live in Sheridan, Illinois.

Carl A. and Wilhelmina Sigmund

Carl A. Sigmund was born in Wurttemburg, Germany on October 31, 1877. He came to America in 1891. On November 7, 1898 he became an American citizen. The presiding judge was the Honorary John H. Batten in DuPage County. This event was never forgotten his entire life.

He was one of P. Kroehlers first employees as a shipping clerk from 1905 to 1910. Mayor Alvin Scott appointed him 1st assistant engineer on April 26, 1905 for the City of Naperville, Illinois. His uncle Louis Sigmund hired him to work at the Naperville Cheese Factory until he decided to venture into the farming business.

May 3, 1900 he married Wilhelmina Springborn. Four children were born: Carl W., Helen, Grace and Alice. The year 1910 he became a farmer in the Springbrook School area. The children all attended the school.

He retired from farming and then in a short while he returned to Kroehler's as their special mail delivery man.

He passed away on February 18, 1956 at his Naperville home at 1031 N. Washington Street.

Carl & Farrel Sigmund

Carl was born and raised in this area and in his early years hauled livestock to Chicago. He then moved to Wagners farm on Plainfield Road in 1936, and farmed there five years. He then went to the Naddelhoffer farm and was there for 17 years, he then moved on to 10 Elmwood Drive, but still farmed the Rice farm for 10 years. He retired in 1968 and died in 1970. They had one son, Donald. Farrel was from Centralia, Illinois and came to work in Naperville in 1928. She met and married Carl in 1929.

Jim & Jean Sikich

Jim Sikich was born in Chicago in the year 1916, son of Michael and Caroline Sikich. In 1928 the family took residence in Lisle.

Jim began farming in 1946 after serving five years in military service. The first farm he bought was on Royce Road and the east branch of the DuPage River in Will County. He later purchased an adjoining section of the Harris farm located on Royce Road and Green Road.

Jim married Evelyn Jean Kinnu in March 1951. Their first born was a son, Anthony James Sikich, born October of that same year. Two years later in 1953 their daughter, Kathleen Cora was born. At this time the original farm house was relocated from DuPage River Road, west to the corner of Royce Road and Green Road. In 1958 their second son, James Anthony was born. The family remained at that location until 1959 at which time the property was sold.

Jim moved his family to their present 120 acre farm located on 95th Street between Naperville Plainfield Road and Book Road. This property was purchased from Clarence Eichelberger and is being farmed yet today.

Their son, Anthony, lives in Miami, Florida and is employed by Gallery at Grove Isle. He also has his own business as an interior designer and display coordinator.

Kathleen married in 1970 to Richard Foreman from Aurora, Illinois. They have two children, Shawnta born in 1971 and Jason born in 1975. Richard Foreman is a self-employed Tool and Die Maker. They live in Naperville.

James Anthony was married in 1978 to Nancy Solenberger. He is employed by W.E. O'Neil Industries in a construction management position. They have two children, their first daughter Kristin was born in 1979 and their second Katy, was born in 1981. Their family also reside in Naperville.

Herman & Anna Staffeldt Family

Karl Christian Ludwig Staffeldt was born November 1, 1848 at Rodlin Mecklenburg Strelitz, Germany. He married Friederike Marie Dorothea Brockroge. She was born October 19, 1851 Wokuhl, Mecklenburg, Strelitz, Germany. They met coming over the boat from Germany. They were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in Naperville on August 22, 1874. Twelve children were born to them . . . Eda, Frank, William, Herman, Friedrick, Minnie, Bertha, Carolina (Lena), Martha, Carl (Charlie), Emilia (Millie), and Alfred. Karl and Friederike lived in Naperville for a time. Karl worked for the Von Ovens in their tile factory and nursery. In 1874 he purchased the farm at the southwest corner of 95th Street and Naperville-Plainfield Road from a Mr. King who was married to one of the Royce girls. The farm consisted of 200 acres, and is located in Wheatland Township.

Grandfather farmed the land until 1918 when his sons Herman and Fred purchased the farm from him. After a couple of years, Herman bought out his brother Fred's interest. Herman was married to Anna Harms of Wheatland Township, Plainfield, on April 3, 1918. Anna moved into the house on the farm. She and Herman lived there all of their married life. Six children were born to them: Carl, Marcella, Kenneth, Wayne, Annette and Raymond. Herman farmed until his death in 1959 together with his son Carl, who owned the farm across the road. After his father's death Carl continued to farm the homeplace as well as his own farm on a rental basis from his mother. In 1970 he discontinued farming and Frank Keller Sr. and his sons Frank Jr. and Ray rented the farmland and are still farming on it. Anna died in February of 1983. There are only two of the twelve children still living: Alfred and Martha. Alfred is 88 and Martha is 93. They reside in Aurora, Ill. Brothers of Karl Staffeldt farmed south of Naperville on Barkdoll Road and Royce Road and also in the Downers Grove area.

Elmer & Edna Staffeldt

In 1912 Elmer Fred Staffeldt was born in the farmhouse on the farm his parents Frank and Rose Staffeldt purchased in 1904 on Barkdoll Road. Elmer's father was born in Naperville, Illinois in 1877 and his mother, Rose (Sigmund), came from Germany. Elmer's grandparents John and Fredricka Staffeldt also came from Germany.

Elmer is the youngest of four children. These are: Florence (Krummen), George and Alfred.

In 1932 Elmer's father died and Elmer ran the farm until 1948, when he and his wife Edna Pantke, whom he married in November 1940, purchased and moved to the Abe Eichelberger farm across Barkdoll Road from the Staffeldt farm. In 1952 they had their first child, Margaret, who died at childbirth. Their second child Mary Lou was born in

1953 and was followed by Debra (Debbie) in 1953. Elmer and Edna have three grandsons and one granddaughter.

Edna came to Naperville from Downers Grove with her family in 1932 and lived on the farm next to the Staffeldt farm on Barkdoll Road now known as Naper Boulevard.

In 1968 Elmer and Edna sold their farm but keep four acres where they built a house and are residing now. Their farm now is called Hunters Woods. Elmer has seen many changes in his 71 years of living on Naper Boulevard (Barkdoll Road).

Morris and Agnes Steck

George A. Steck, father of Morrison, was born on a southern Pennsylvania farm in Franklin County, on the eastern slopes of "The Great Barrier" (Appalachians). The homestead was not far from Mercerburg, a borough on the turnpike that ran from Carlisle to Chambersburg. George was the third son of six strong and healthy boys that were blessed to Philip and Eva (Alchburch) Steck, and with their help the farm took shape.

Sometime in the middle 1850's, George and his younger brother, John, left for the new state of Iowa. They filed claim to public lands in Lucas County and returned to Ohio and Pennsylvania. In Ohio they married the Crall sisters, Rebecca and Carolyn. After visiting in Pennsylvania, they returned to Iowa with their brides and built their cabins and started a long, joyous, love-filled life.

Meanwhile Jacob Steck, George's oldest brother, had purchased land in Illinois, his farm was northwest of Naperville, joining the south Mathias Barkdoll's noted Warrenhurst Stock Farm. This farm was famous for its prize Percheron horses.

Back in Iowa, George's family continued to grow. On June 2, 1863 the sixth child was born, and Rebecca gave the boy the name of Morrison Ellsworth. He joined his three brothers Henry, Samuel and Stephen and his two sisters Linda and Sophia. Following his birth, there were two more brothers — Jacob and George — and two more sisters, Mary and Martha.

Morrison grew to manhood, and at the age of 21, in the year 1884, he bid farewell to his family and friends, and began to walk to Naperville to visit his uncle Jacob and cousins. He walked from Russel, Iowa, following the Burlington Railroad and Route 34, and hitching an occasional ride on a wagon. While visiting with his uncle, he was informed that a farmer, John Erb I, was in need of an experienced hired hand, especially livestock.

While working on the Erb farm, Morris began to court Sarah Agnus, John's oldest daughter. About a year after the death of Sarah's mother, she and Morris were married. They stayed on the farm to help raise the younger children, until they moved to a farm they purchased south of Naperville that had been the Leppert estate. Springbrook Creek ran through the western edge.

They later purchased the Boebel farm of 100 acres on the north side of the original farm.

Five sons, Harlan, Les, Lloyd, Doyle and John and a daughter were born to Morris and Agnes. But tragedy came when their only daughter died in infancy. The boys became well known in the Naperville area. Harlan farmed the Steck farms all his life. Les farmed the Bapst, George Martin and Hartman farms. From 1924 to 1961 he farmed the Charlie Shiffler farm southwest of Naperville. He was township commissioner and was known to thousands of the town's children as Santa Claus. Lloyd farmed west of Warrenville all his life. Doyle farmed the Caroline Mitchell farm for many years, and was a Fire Engineer for Naperville until his retirement. John worked for the Naperville Boiler Works and would help his brothers on the farms every chance he could.

On February 4, 1923 Morris suffered a double paralytic stroke, which left him crippled for eleven years. He had been a director in the Springbrook School and an active worker in the old Milk Producers Association. He was still a member of the Church of the Brethren when he passed away peacefully on August 9, 1934.

Kenneth Johnson and they have Kevin and Carrie.

Caroline Jean married Donald Sigmund and their children are Roger and Kenneth.

The following are the descendants of Morris and Agnes Steck.

Harlan married Ruth Myers and their children are Virginia (Harold Olsen), Glen (deceased) and Catherine Gayle (Willard Hill).

Leslie married Reba Otto.

Lloyd married Lillis Ferry. Their daughter is Grace (Richard Schmidt).

Doyle married Esther Hollingsworth. Their children are Charles, Caroline Jean, (Donald Sigmund), Marilyn Robert Grewe and Robert (Shirley Soverign).

John married Audrey Wells and their children are Johnell (Alden Bos) and Sandra (Floyd Page).

There are two more generations of the Morris and Agnus Steck family tree.

John & Nora Theis

John & Nora Theis were married in 1915, in Aurora, Illinois. They farmed in the Naperville area on the same farm until 1940. They had 6 children: Geraldine Petesch, Jeanette Badhaine, Ruth Page, Leon, Rita Lynch and Jack.

John was director of Granger School board of directors and later served as president. All their children attended Granger School.

John was director of Pure Milk Association based out of Chicago, 1936 until his death in 1940.

Arthur Strubler Jr.

The Strubler family came from Alsace, France and settled on a farm on the southwest corner of 75th Street and Book Road. Deeds to the land were made out by James Polk and John Taylor, presidents of the United States, in the name of George Struple. The family later changed the spelling to Strubler. The deeds read: Southeast quarter of the Southeast fractional quarter of Section 27 in Township 38 North of Range 9, east of 3rd principal meridian in the district of lands subject to sale in Chicago. One deed was dated 1844 and another was dated 1845.

Arthur Henry Strubler Sr. married Nellie Morrison and they had three children: Arthur Jr., Nellie and Frances.

Arthur Jr. married Edith Turner in 1937 and continued to work the Strubler farm until 1973. Their three children are Gene Edmund, Peggy and Kenneth. Gene and wife, Joan J. Andersen, have three children: Denise, Lisa and Erich. Peggy and G.T. Burke of Naperville have two children: Kristen and Jamie. Kenneth and Margaret Adams are the parents of Erin and Kevin.

The Harold Craigmile Vial Family

Harold Craigmile Vial was born February 5, 1896 in LaGrange, Illinois; he died May 4, 1962 in Hinsdale, Illinois and was buried in Lyonsville Cemetery.

Harold's great-grandfather came to Illinois from Elmira, N.Y. in 1834 (Joseph Vial) and settled on land at the corner of Wolf and Plainfield Roads. He farmed a large tract of land in that area.

Robert Vial, Harold's grandfather, continued farming the land until his death in 1921, at the age of 97. Although Harold grew up in LaGrange, he spent the summers on his grandfather's farm. Frederick Ketchum Vial, Harold's father, was a 1887 graduate of University of Illinois School of Agriculture but was never an active farmer.

Harold attended the LaGrange public schools and was a graduate of University of Illinois College of Agriculture in 1918. After serving in the Army in World War I, he came to start farming a 232 acre farm on Hobson Road just east of Route 53, and he lived there until his death in 1962. At one time his dairy herd numbered 100. The milk was shipped to Union Dairy Co. in Lisle to be sent to Chicago. During World War II he was forced to sell his dairy cattle because it was impossible to hire men to help because of the draft. Harold and his wife, Abigail Candler Vial, raised 4 children: 1 daughter Mary Vial Anda and sons Frederick, William and Charles. Frederick and William both were graduated from Purdue in agriculture. Fred still works for Pfister-Cargill as a corn geneticist. Charles was graduated from University of Illinois in Agriculture and worked on the family farm in partnership with his father raising beef cattle and hogs for 8 years.

Riding on the grain truck to Boecker's elevator in Naperville was a big adventure as a child.

Harold was active in many organizations: he helped organize and serve on the Lisle Fire Protection District-Trustee; helped organize the Pure Milk Association; was on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Agriculture Association; worked for the Production Credit Association; was active in the DuPage County Farm Bureau and Country Casualty Company; served on the DuPage Draft Board during World War II; served as a County Board of School Trustee; member of Kiwanis; was a member of First Congregational Church of Downers Grove various boards. After retiring from active farming he was owner and manager of Timber Trails Golf Course (built on the old Vial Homestead south of Western Springs); Treasurer of the Chicagoland Golf Association.

Abigail passed away January 1961 and Harold married Corabelle Ungrodt in October of 1961.

Ernest von Oven (1835-1906)

Upon his arrival in the Naperville area in 1857, Ernst von Oven was for a time engaged in the tile and brick business with George Martin.

Later his business enterprise led to the operation of stone quarrying in association with B.B. Boochor. In 1866 he established "The Naperville Nurseries" which over the years became nationally renowned.

He was married in 1886 to Emma Reiffenrath. The couple had five children: Helene (1867-1931); Johanna (1868-1909); Emma (1870-1960); Hedwig (1872-1874) Friedrich (1876-1929).

After his death in January 1906, the business continued under the operation of son Fred, a University of Illinois graduate in civil engineering and one-time captain of the University of Illinois football team; assisted by Miss Helen von Oven and Miss Emma von Oven.

The von Oven property continued in the family name until Emma's death in 1960. At present (1983) the family home has become the Rectory of St. John's Episcopal Church which was built on the so-called "point" or juncture of Aurora and Oswego Roads, remembered by some long-time Naperville residents as having been a beautiful peony garden!

At the time of Naperville's Centennial, 1931, the Permanent Memorial Committee negotiated with the von Oven estate in acquiring title to the large and small quarries for a memorial park area. Another section (along West Street) was designated by Miss Emma von Oven as "von Oven Scout Reservation".

A brief note on Adelbert von Oven (1842-1929) who served in the 105th Regiment of the Illinois Infantry in the Civil War.

After his discharge, he returned to the Naperville area, was married to Ann Heynen (related to E.W. Heynen, Lisle Township farmer?). The couple moved to Miles, Iowa where he was U.S. postmaster.

Six sons were born to the couple: Oscar, Walter, Robert, Hugo, Edmund and Adolbert. Four survived to adulthood, married and resided in the following cities: Oscar, a merchant in Los Angeles; Hugo, a banker in Beloit, Wisconsin; Edmund, an engineer in Savanna, Illinois; and Adelbert, a dentist in Spokane, Washington.

A grandson, Bruce (Ed's son) and granddaughters live in various parts of the country.

In his final years, Adelbert von Oven spent a considerable amount of time in Naperville being identified with other G.A.R. veterans. He died in Beloit, Wisconsin and was buried in Miles, Iowa.

Joseph R. and Mary E. Walsh

Joseph Walsh was born in Naperville in 1905. His parents, Richard J. Walsh and Emma Schroader Walsh came in 1904 from the Crown Point area of Indiana. Richard was a telephone repairman, started the Buick garage and was the electrician for the city of Naperville. Richard's parents came from Ireland and Emma's from Germany.

Mary E. Walsh was born in Shabonna, Illinois in 1909. Her father, Henry Wetmore, was the conductor on the milk train from Shabonna to Chicago before he died in 1918. Mary was raised in Eola, where her widowed mother, Elizabeth Beckman Wetmore was the post mistress. Her father's parents came from the Warrington, New York area, of a long time Yorkey family. Her mother's parents came to Naperville from Germany in 1852. Mary taught school at the North Eola School before she married Joseph.

Joseph worked at Kroehlers before he went farming in 1936. He first farmed on 20 acres south of the C.B.&Q. railroad tracks, on the east side of Route 59. Then he farmed on 113 acres in Wheatland Township, south of 87th Street, between Naperville-Plainfield Road and Modaff Road. He farmed there from 1941 to 1969, when the west part of the farm was subdivided.

They had three children: Elizabeth Louise (Klanang), William A. Brockunier and Mary Margaret Koop. Elizabeth died in 1979 and Joseph lives on Highview Drive, a short distance from where he farmed.

Walter A. & Susan Weigand

It was not known when George (Yerk) Weigand, father of seven sons who were stone masons like himself, came to this country. His son John, who lost his first wife, came here in 1848 bringing with him his two daughters, Eveline & Barbara and his son, Joseph. Barbara later married Adam Keller and lived on a farm on River Road northwest of Naperville.

When the family first came to this country they lived on a farm on Roosevelt Road and Finley, the present site of a Holiday Inn.

Joseph moved to Naperville after he married Mary Schwartz at SS Peter & Paul, who lived south of Naperville. They purchased a small farm on the corner of West Street & Spring Avenue, in 1871 from Hiram Fowler for $650.00. They had five children: William, George, Joseph, Walter and Hattie.

After his wife's death, he married Mary Faser and had three children: John, Ida and Barbara.

In 1906 Walter married Susan Schomer of Aurora. After renting for several years, they built a home at 13 N. Main Street and raised a family of eleven children, one of whom only lived several months. They were: Dorothy Montour, Gertrude Bauer, Joseph, Bernard, Lawrence, Carl, Richard, Genevieve Becker, Walter, Mary Brewzewski and Rita Hamilton.

Joseph was in heating and ventilating and also a volunteer fireman for thirty-three years, thirteen of which he was chief. He was also the first full-time chief of the department.

Bernard was a welder and lived in California with his brother Walter who was a plumber.

Lawrence was a butcher and lived in Texas. Richard was a welder and lived in Chicago.

Mrs. Weigand died in 1947 and Walter died in 1971 at the age of ninety-six.

Chris & Mary Wiesbrock & Family

Chris and Mary Wiesbrock were married in November of 1891. They took over the farm in 1904, 115 acres located on Ogden Avenue & Wheaton Road where K-Mart, Martone's, Ponderosa & JoJo's now stand. He was assisted by his sons Joseph & Henry and daughter Margaret. Joseph later started Wiesbrook Garage on same property. Daughter Mary was married to Alexander Rudnick. They had five children. Rose married Howard Walsh. The farm was sold in 1969.

Harry & Fabiola Wiesbrook

John Wiesbrook was born in 1810 in Weslphalia, Germany. He came to America and earned money to send for his sweetheart, Katherine Fordkard who was also from Wesphalia, Germany. They were married and settled in Wheaton, at the corner of Wiesbrook and Butterfield Road. They raised six children: Otto, Elizabeth (Kampmeyer), Conrad, Katherine (Hermes), Herman and Mary (Hammond).

Conrad was born in 1854. In 1885 he married Mary Biermann, born 1864 in Paw Paw, Michigan. They bought the farm on Warrenville Road in 1899 from Conrad Otterpohl. This was a dairy farm and it was here that Conrad and Mary raised their eight children: Hattie (Charles Fitzgerald), Mayme (Herman Rieser), Elmer, Lottie (Joseph Rieser), Clarence, Harry, Arthur and Florence.

Harry was born in 1897. In 1926 he married Fabiola Riedy, born in 1898. She was the daughter of Albert and Henrietta Schlmetzer Riedy. Their families came from the Alsace-Lorraine in 1843. They settled in Lisle where they established the Riedy Hardware Store on July 1, 1889 which is still in business today.

Harry farmed the home farm on Warrenville Road. During the 19 years they lived here their ten children were born: Thomas, Donald, David, Philip, James, Lucy (Jerome Heikotter), Mary, Arthur, Loretta, (Douglas Spesia) and Helene (Nicholas Smiar).

On March 1, 1945 Harry and Fabiola bought the Charles Firestein farm located south of Naperville on what is now called Boughton Road. They moved to the farm, which was primarily a dairy farm, with their ten children. Here they raised the family attending SS Peter and Paul Church and School in Naperville. The family has since belonged to St. Andrews Parish in Romeoville, St. Dominic and St. Francis of Assisi parishes in Bolingbrook.

Through the years the family was involved in church clubs, 4-H Clubs and Future Farmers of America. Fabiola was also involved in the League of Women Voters, Homemakers Club and Right to Life Movement.

The farm is still owned by the Wiesbrook family and some of them have reared their own families here. Three sons: Donald, David and Philip are still involved in farming today.

Julian and Ursula Winckler

Xavier Winckler was born on January 17, 1831, in Herbsheim, Alsace, Germany. He came to Naperville's Scotch Settlement in 1843. In 1853 he married Elizabeth Bohner and farmed the northwest corner of Book Road and 75th Street. They had three children: George, born on October 18, 1856, Frank born on September 15, 1858 and Louise born on August 5, 1860, married Frank Riedy.

George was born on October 18, 1856 and married Mary Louise Blasey in 1896 and she was born on May 18, 1868. They farmed the Winckler farm and raised six children there: Helen, Marion, Lillian (Merle Allen), Julian, Frances (Edward Friedrich) and Alma (Arnold Kreger).

Xavier also owned the farm on the southeast corner of Book Road and 75th Street. He died on May 19, 1906 and Elizabeth died on September 23, 1952.

Julian Winckler was born on October 11, 1900. He married Ursula Kohley and they had two children: George and Dorothy. Julian died on June 8, 1957.

Henry J. and Katy M. Wohead

Henry Wohead was born in Poland in 1888, and his wife, Katy, was also born in Poland in 1892. They were married in Texas and were cotton farmers there. They also farmed in Indiana. In March of 1943 the family moved to the Wohead farm on Olesen Lane. Here they milked cows and had chickens until 1972. Henry operated the last blacksmith shop within the city limits of Naperville. It was also the last farm to be in operation in the city limits.

They had eight children: John J., Michael J., Frank W., Steve T., Veronica Bartholmae, Anna T., Mary Burke and Joseph J.

After Henry's death, Katie stayed on the farm, and is living in the old homestead at the present time.

Joseph F. and Mary Yackley

John Yackley was born in 1793 and married Helena Staley in Wittisheim, Morganhiem, France. They immigrated to America in 1845, and settled in Lisle. The farm was located west of the east branch of the DuPage River and south of the Burlington tracks. These 90 acres were purchased for $1000. Their four children came with them: Joseph, Charles, Robert and Magdelina.

Their son, Robert was born in 1830 in Wittisheim. He had eight children: Albert, Susan, Mary, Henry, Charles, George, John and Joseph F.

By 1874 the farm number 351 acres. The family home is located in the southeast corner of the intersection of the Burlington Railroad and Yackley Avenue, which is named for the pioneer family.

Joseph F. was born on June 14, 1872 and raised on the family farm. He was married in 1900, at the Catholic Church in Wheaton, to his wife Mary. They moved to the very large, gracious home on a portion of the original homestead along Route 34, about one mile west of Route 53, on the north side of the road. Here they raised their nine children: Leo A. born March 24, 1902; Gilbert born September 1903; Ellen born November 2, 1905; Robert born May 12, 1908; Mildred born November 17, 1911; Lucian born May 8, 1914; Joseph born January 28, 1916; Bernadine born August 2, 1918 and Donald born May 12, 1923.

Joseph A. was very community minded and a leader in his time. He was a member of the DuPage Board of Supervisors for 24 years. His wife died in 1928 and he retired in 1959 and died on June 9, 1961.

Leo A. and Helen E. Yackley

Leopold Arnold Yackley was born in Lisle, Illinois, on March 24, 1903, the oldest son of Joseph F. and Mary (Hertzold) Yackley. Leo's great-grandfather, John Yackley, and his wife, Helena, and their four children came to the U.S. in 1845 and settled on 90 acres of land west of the east branch of the DuPage River and south of the Burlington tracks in Lisle.

In 1927, Leo married Helen E. Binder of Naperville, and they rented 130 acres from her father, Leonard J. Binder, just west of the intersection of Routes 34 and 59 on Route 34 on the north side of the road. (This land is now adjacent to Fox Valley Shopping Center and has several brick office buildings built on it.)

In 1946, they bought 106 acres from the Binder estate and in 1947 moved into the Binder home on the southwest corner of Routes 34 and 59. Mr. Yackley farmed this land until his death in 1955. Helen continued to live there and rented the farm to her son-in-law. In 1960 Helen married Norman E. Harrison, and they farmed the land until his retire-

ment in 1973, when most of it was sold to developers. Helen kept five acres surrounding their home and buildings and continues to live there. Mr. Harrison died in 1982.

The Yackleys had two daughters: Shirley Mae, born April 12, 1930, married David C. Auble of Bartlett, Illinois, in 1951. They lived in the area until 1973 when the family moved to Spokane, Washington. Their children are: Steven Jay born May 18, 1955; Deborah Sue born June 26, 1959; and Scott David born February 25, 1962.

The other daughter is Norma Jean, born September 14, 1933, who married Neval N. Yeates of Kankakee in 1954. They lived with her mother on the death of her father and rented the farm until 1960 when they moved into a home they built just west of Helen's home. They have three daughters: Teri Dee born July 17, 1956, who married John M. Leatherbury of Michigan in 1980; Candace Jean born May 15, 1960, and Holly Kay born November 12, 1964.

Leo was a member of the Granger School District No. 90 school board for many years. Leo and Helen were charter members of the Naperville Saddle Club and active in the Rural Life Progress Club. Helen was a charter member of the Busy Workers 4-H Club, one of the first four 4-H clubs in DuPage County. It was chartered in 1922. Helen was the first of three generations to support and participate in 4-H clubwork. She also initiated three generations of membership in the Homemakers Extension Association.

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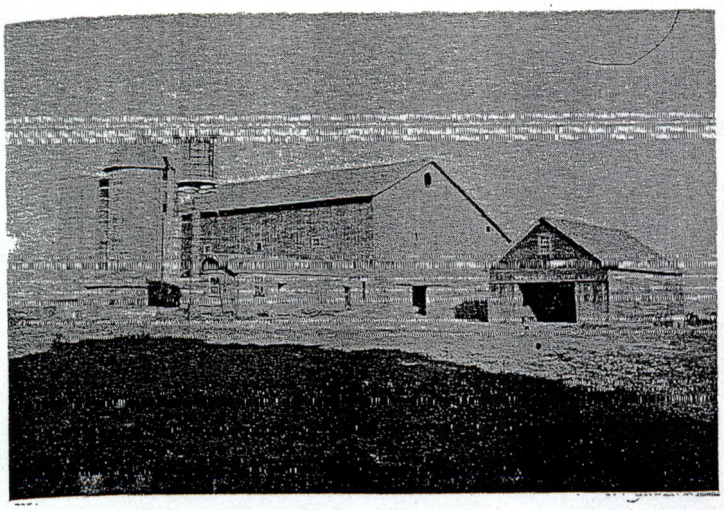
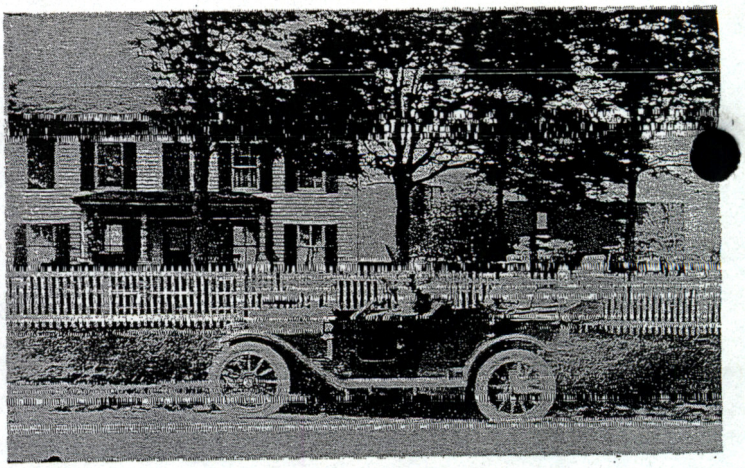
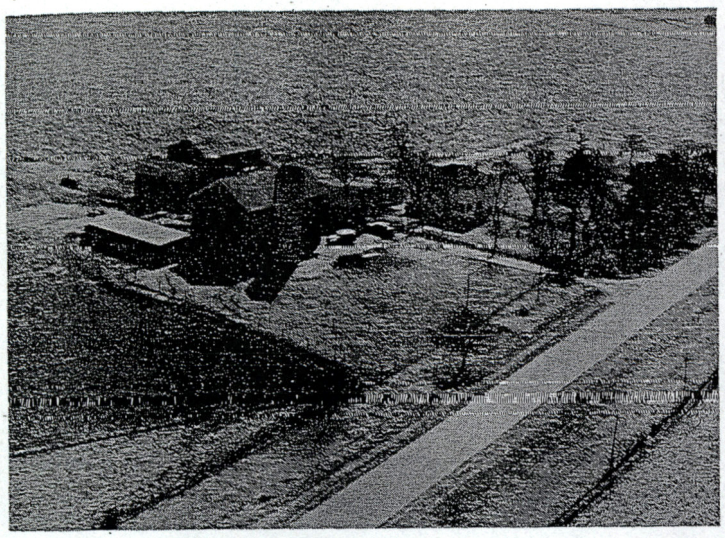


ARTHUR W. & HELEN ABBOTTS' barn on the Broadlawn Farm which bordered 63rd St. on the North, Route 59 on the West and Hobson Rd. on the south.

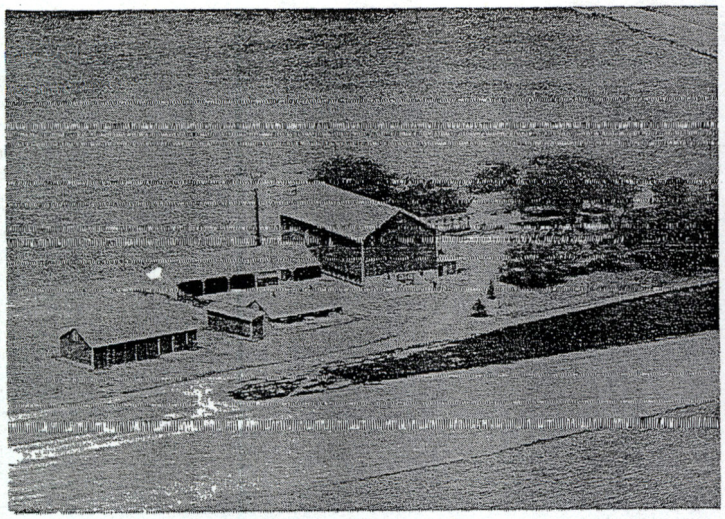


WILLIAM H. & CATHERINE ASHLING, William Ashling and son John pose in their car in front of the farm on Diehl Rd., west of Route 59.

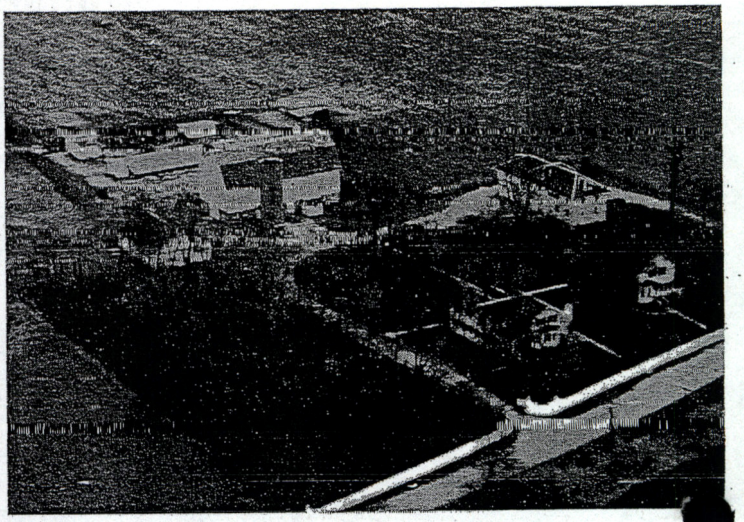


Walter Berger farm at the south east corner of Routes 34 & 59.

"The Woods Farm" rented by Leonard Binder on Route 34, ¾ of a mile west of Route 59. This photo of Leonard and son Charles with the Horses was taken in 1907.



The Andrew Brummol farm on Butterfield Rd. ¾ of a mile west of Route 59 by the E.J.& E. Railroad taken in 1920.



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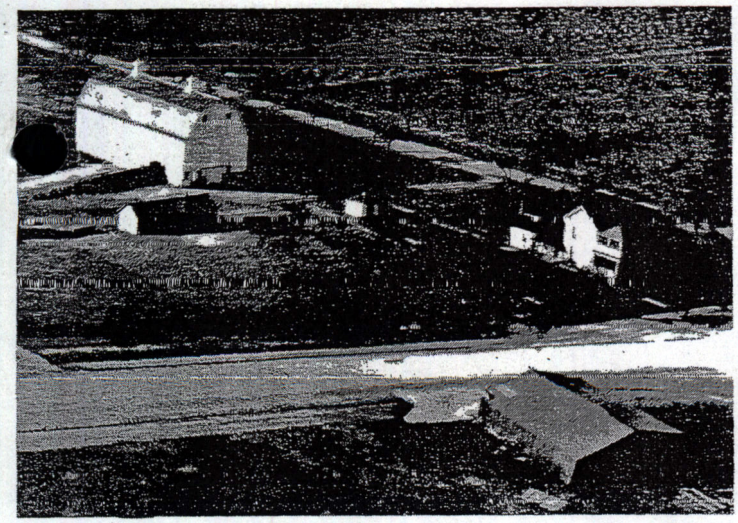

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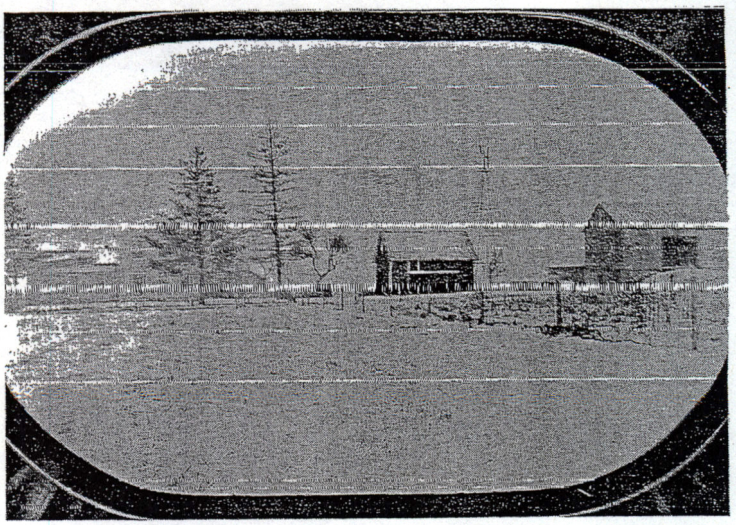
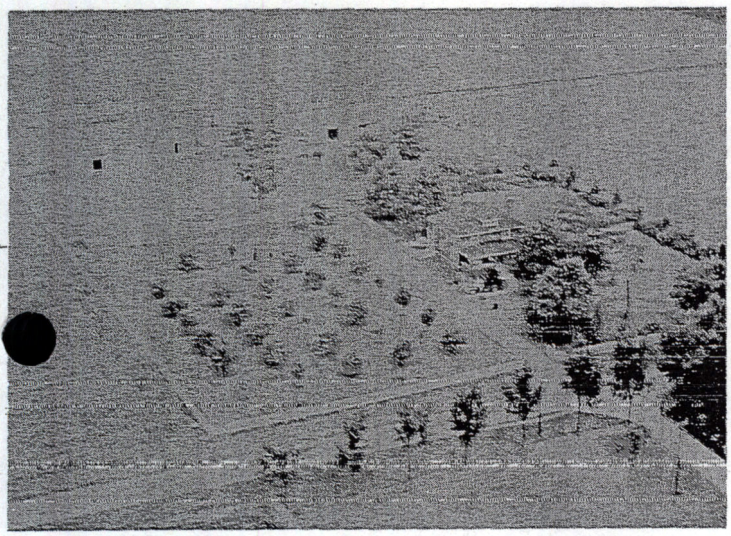
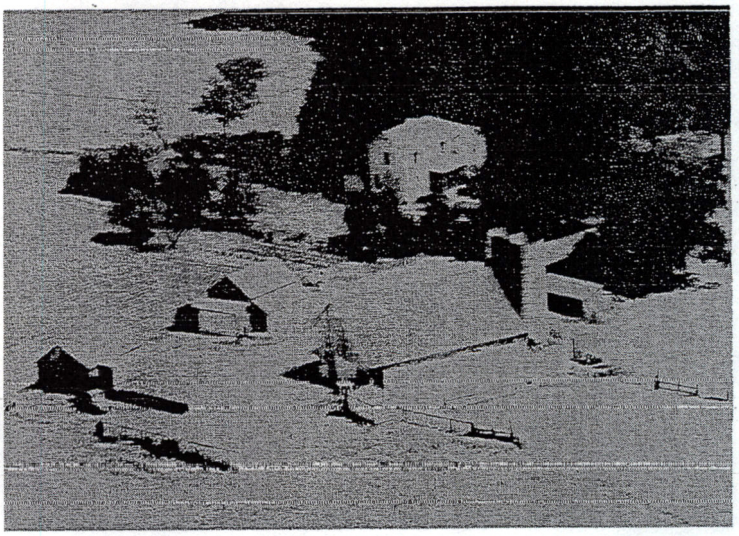


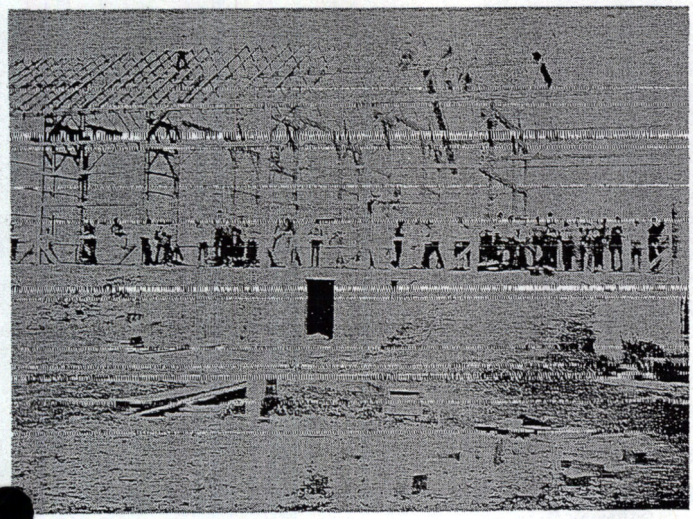
Robert C. Clow farm in northwestern Will County: on 104th Street.



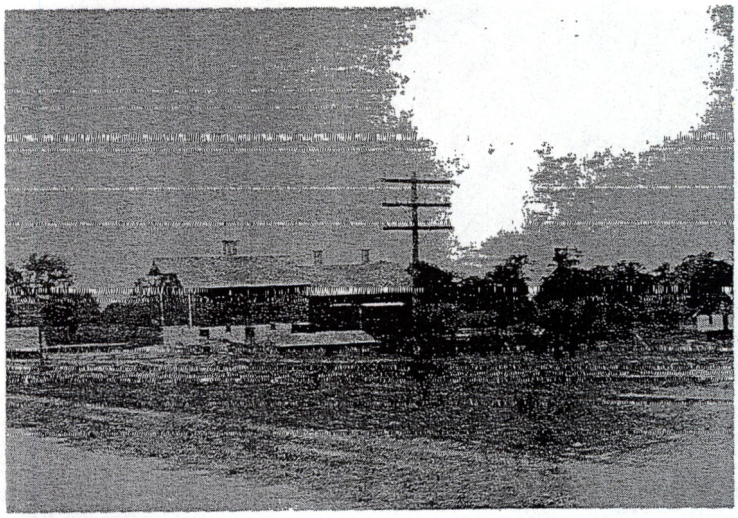
Walter Darfler farm on Book Rd. purchased in 1942 and sold in 1954.



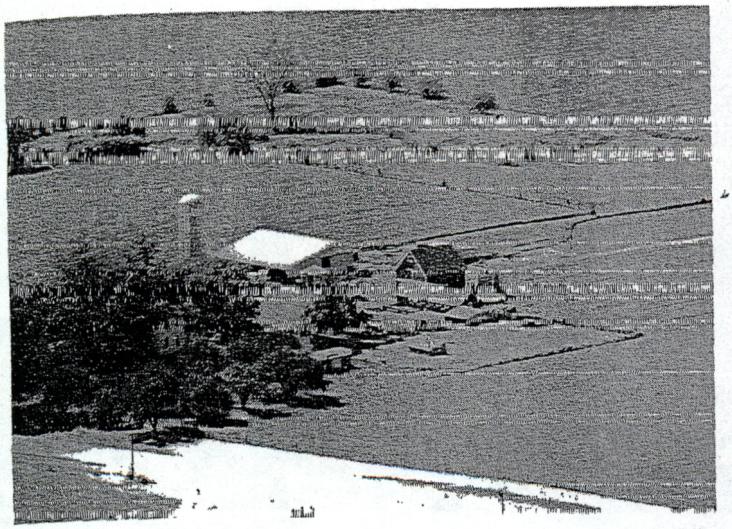
Emil Drendel farm on Hobson Rd., taken about 1950.



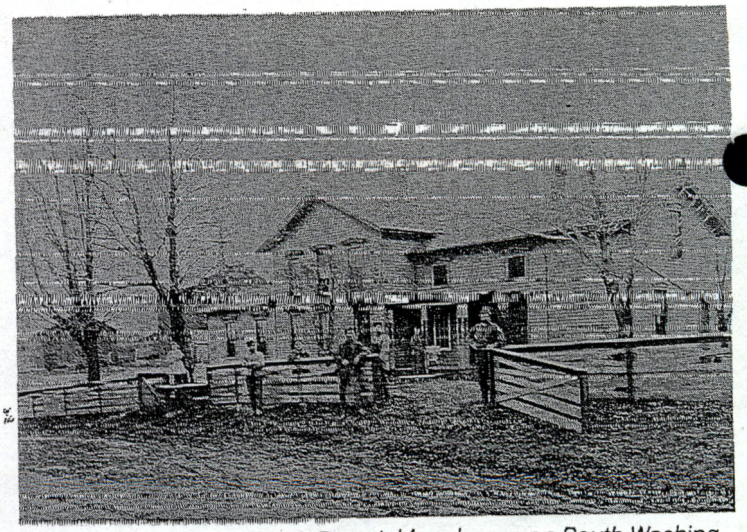
Barn Raising about 1869 on the Xavier Drendel II farm on Route 65 just west of Route 34.



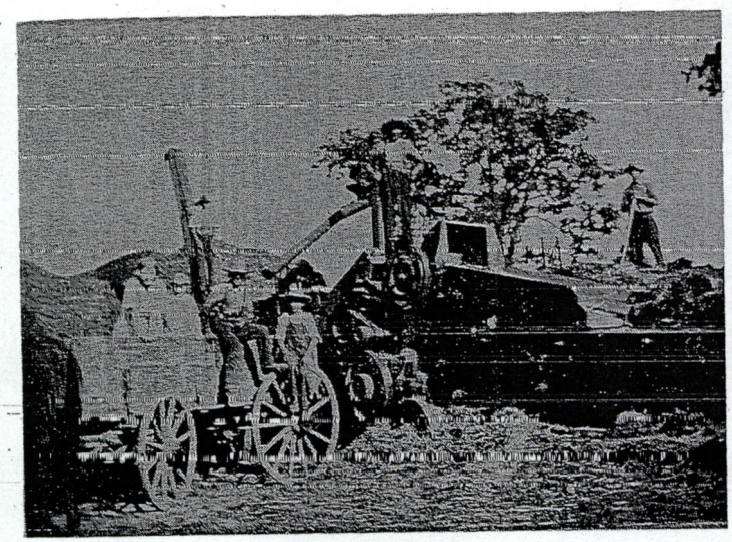
The Martin Drendel farm on South Washington St. which was across the road from the present Edward Hospital.



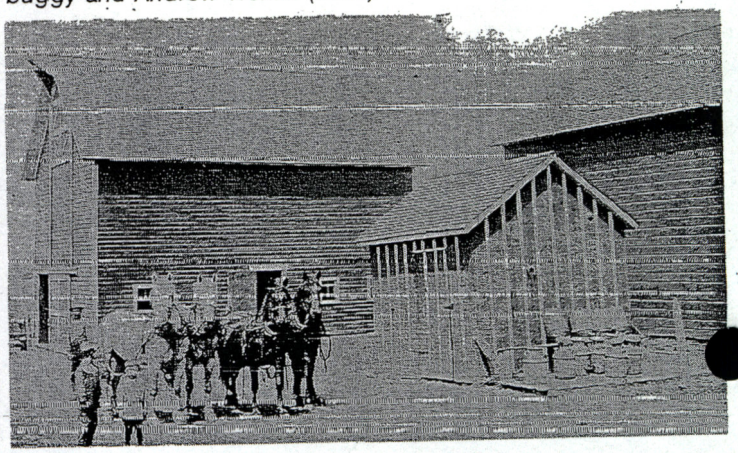
The Andrew Drendel Farm on Hobson Rd. as it looked in 1957. His son Tom now resides in the house.



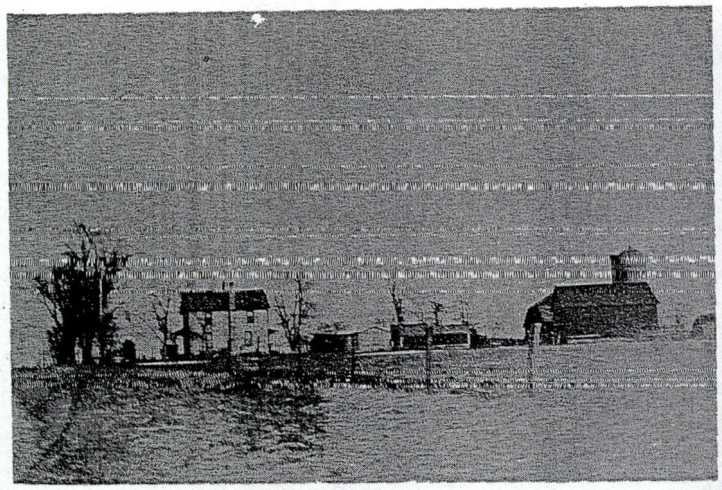
The Andrew Wehrli - Ralph Drendel farmhouse on South Washington Street. From the left are Coletta Wehrli Drendel, Walter Weigand, Mayme Weigand, two hired men, Eva Wehrli, Joseph in buggy and Andrew Wehrli. (1896)



Thrashing on the John Erb farm in 1922. On the wagon are John Erb and his children.



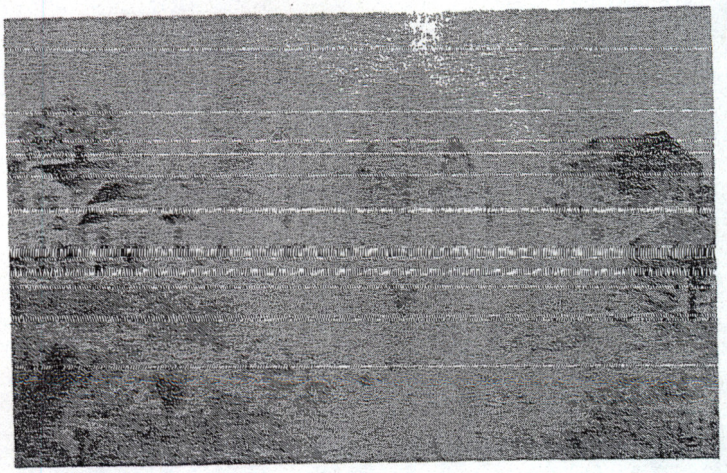
Father George Ferry stands beside the two teams of horses and sons Lorin and Elmer are in front. The farm was on the northeast corner of Route 59 and Ferry Rd.



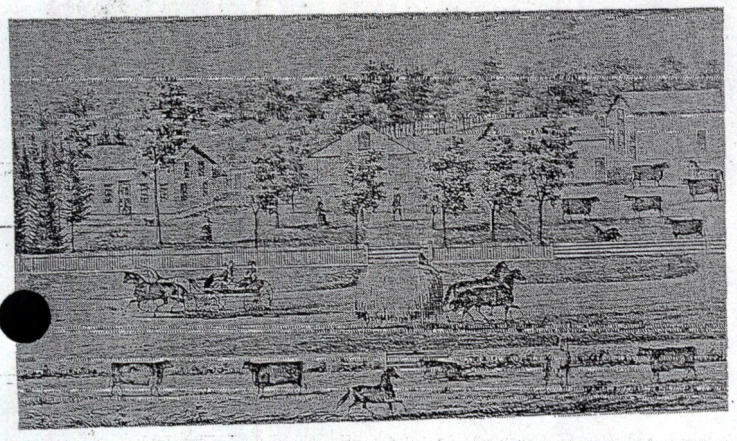
The George Firestein farm on Boughton Rd. in Will County.

The Frank Fraley farm on 83rd Street which is now Springbrook Golf Course.

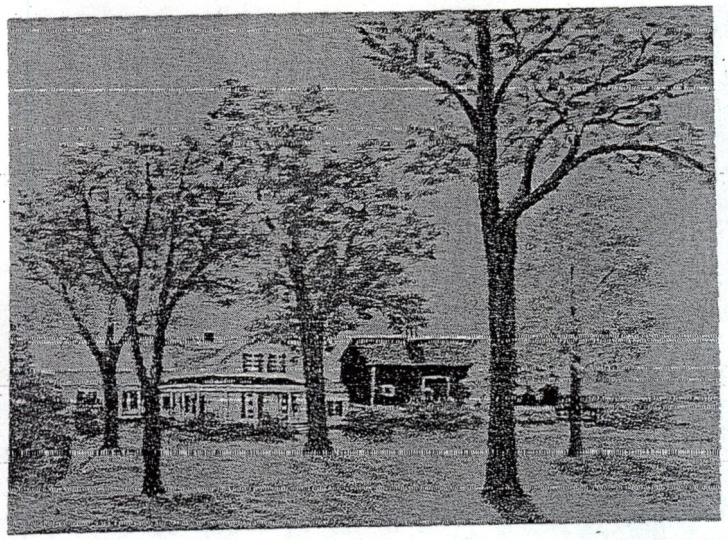
Ernest and Albert Frieders pose with their pets in front of the milk house and a shed on their father Peter's farm.



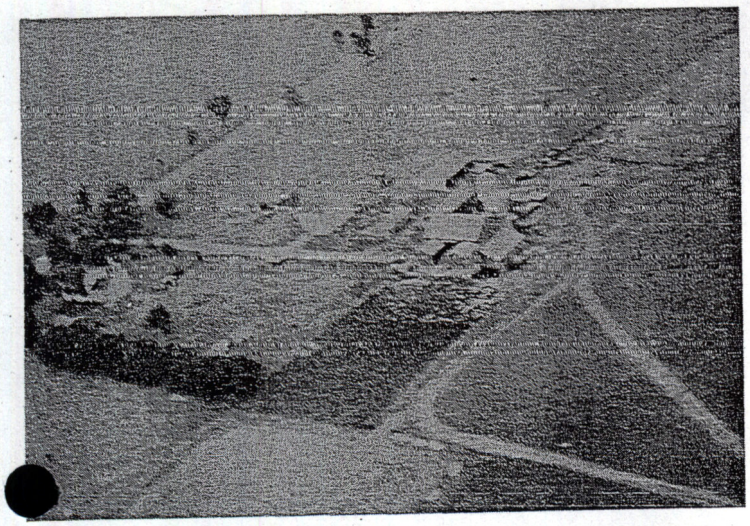
The Max Gartner farm on 87th Street, printed by Ceal Gartner.



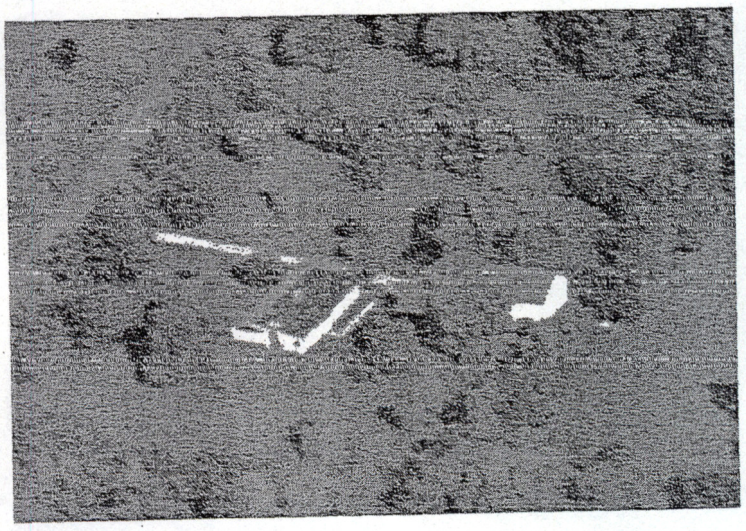
Residence of John Glover, seven miles south of Naperville, DuPage Township, Will County, Illinois. 1860.



"Oak Cottage" on the W. S. Greene farm on Hobson Road along the east branch of the DuPage River.

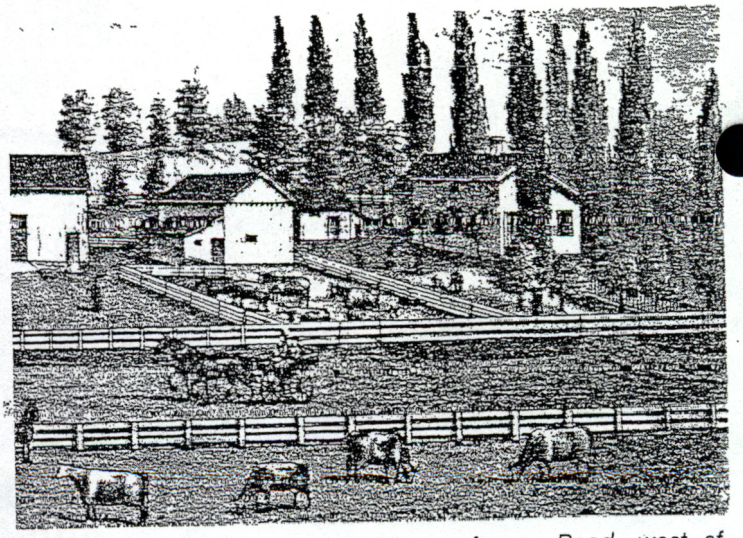


The Herman Hageman farm on Route 34 directly across the road from Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

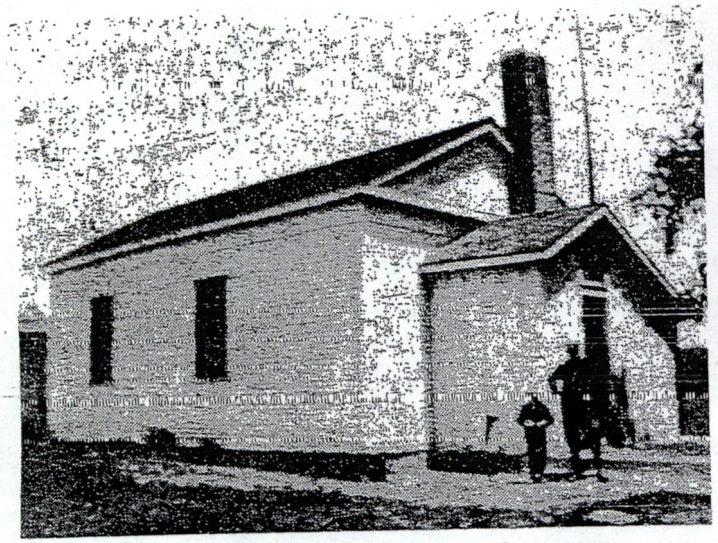


Wilbert Hageman property on Oswego Road in Green Acres.

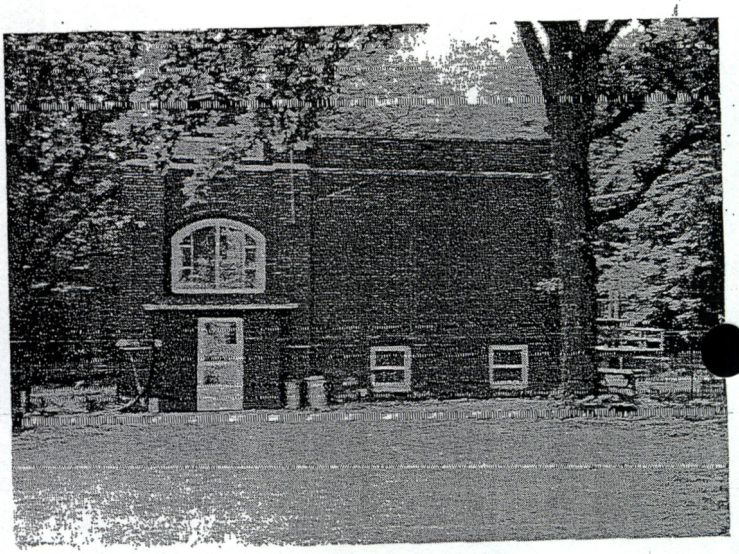
The Frank C. Hagemann farm on Plank Road. The Property is now "The Colony Subdivision".



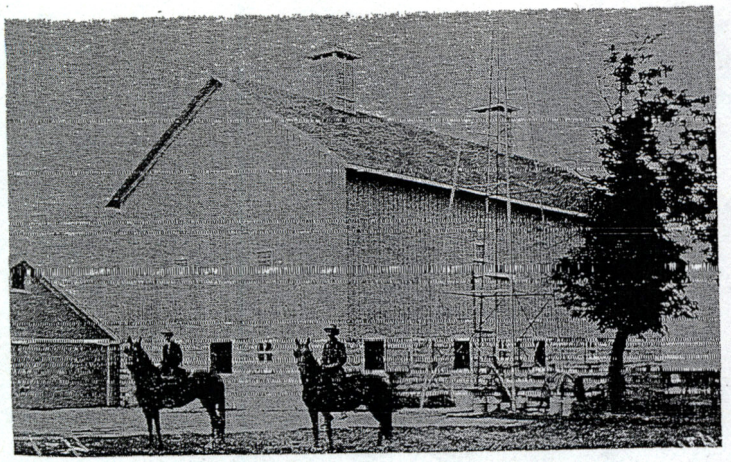
Residence of H. Hammerschmidt on Aurora Road, west of Naperville.



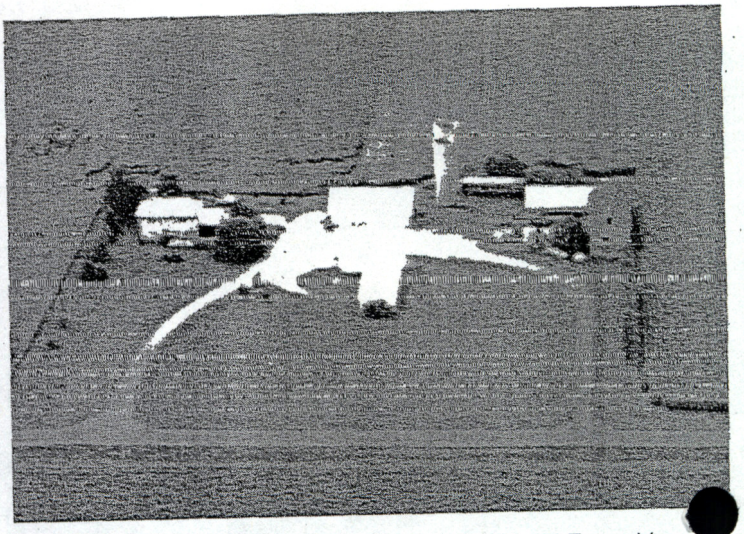
Hobson Mill School stood west of the DuPage River, between Hobson Road and what is now 75th Street.



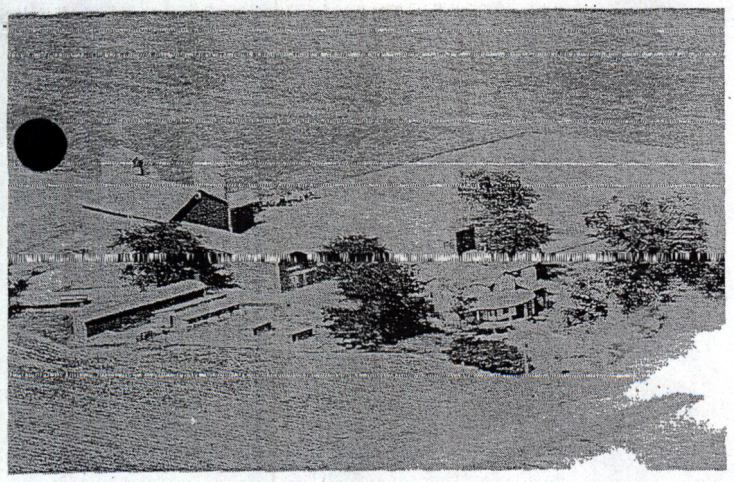
Hobson School on Hobson Road was built in 1928, served the farm community until 1958.



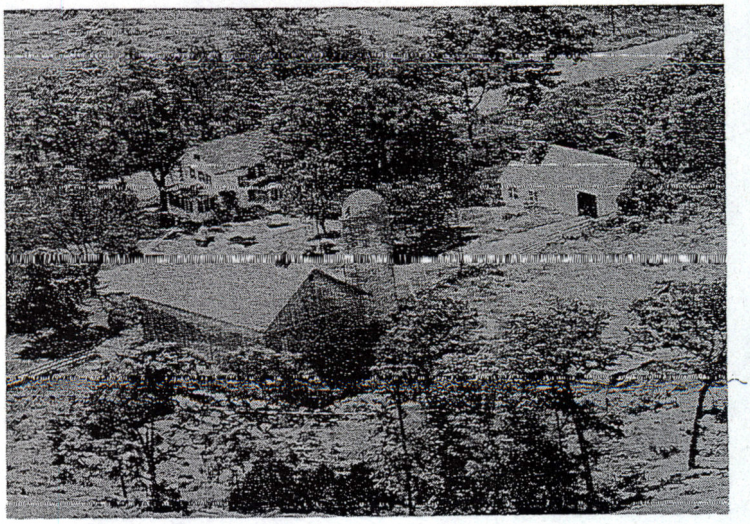
Scene on the Frank Keller farm, three miles east of Naperville, on Ogden Avenue, in 1914.



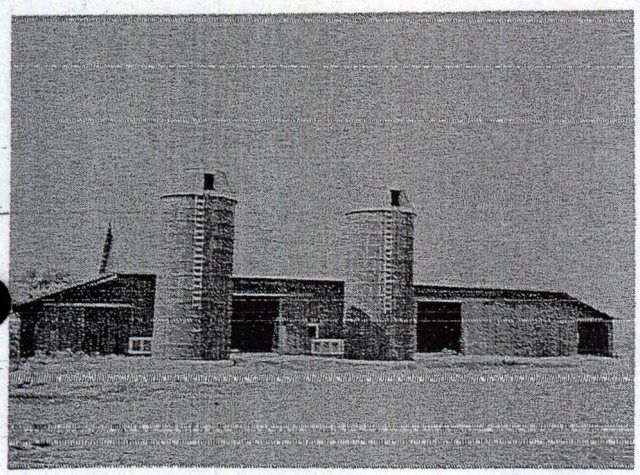
George Kling Farm on 248th Street in Wheatland Township, Plainfield, Illinois.



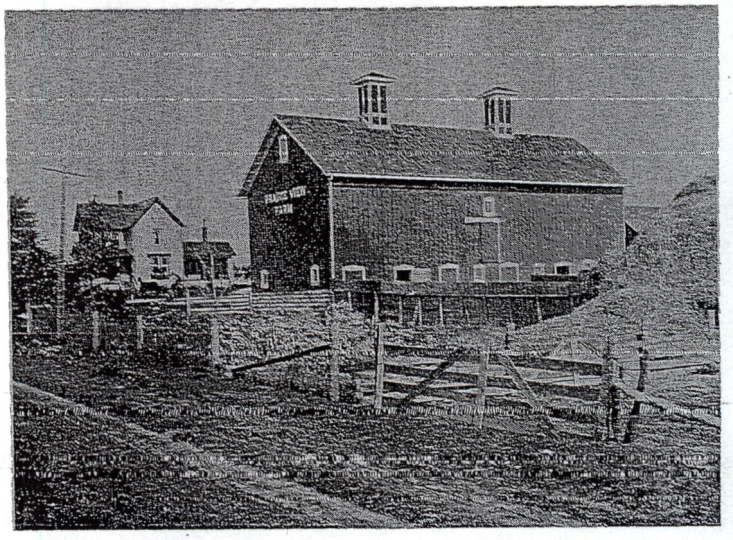
Cletus J. Kocher farm at the northeast corner of Route 59 and North Aurora Road.



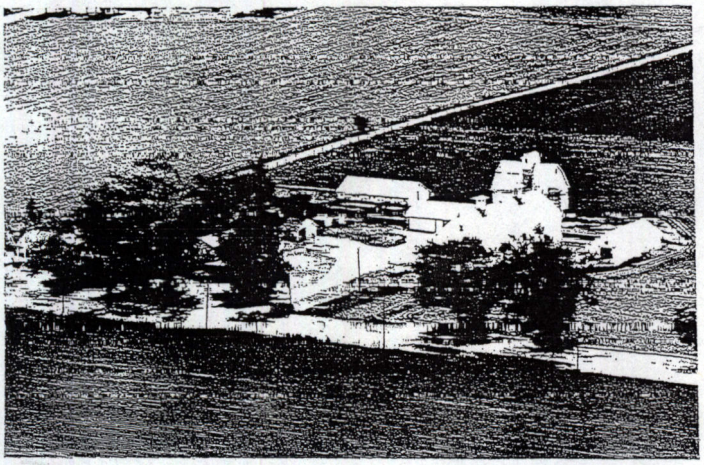
The Adam Kohley farm on the east side of Route 53 and south of Hobson Road.



The barn on the Ed Kraisinger farm which was on Mill Street and North Aurora Road (now 5th Avenue).

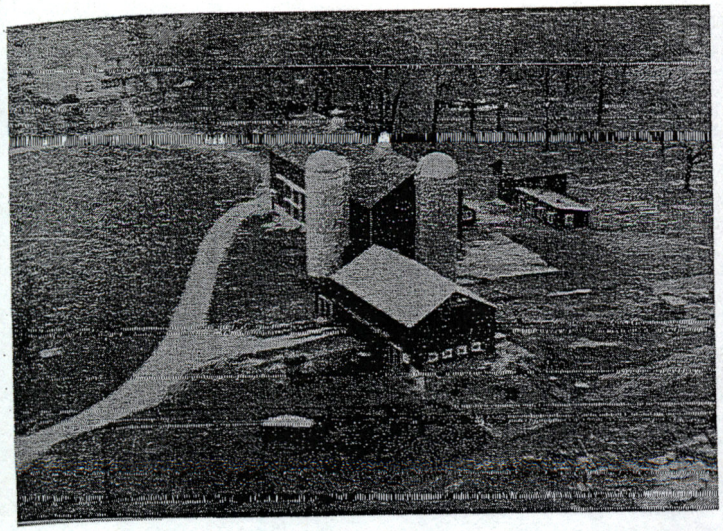


The barn and house on the Walter T. Kuhn farm, which was on Modaff Road.

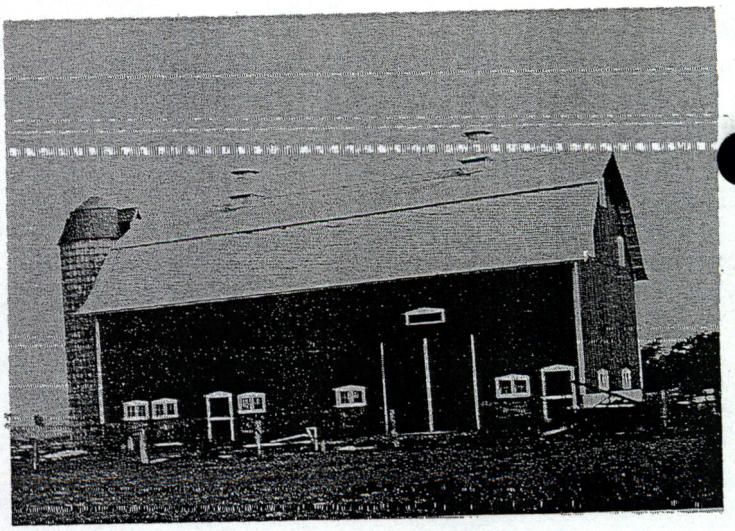


An aerial view of the farm Ray J. Kuhn farmed on Eola Road from 1949 to 1976.

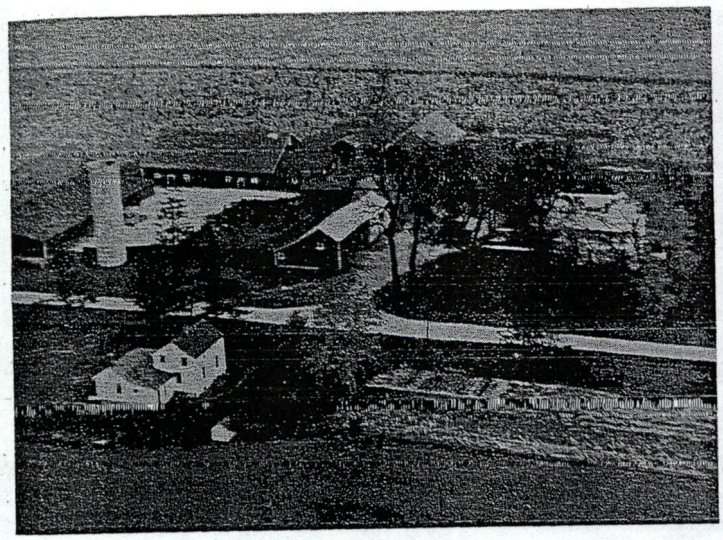
John Jr. and John Leverenz Sr. and his wife, Mary, pose in front of the farm house on 87th Street. The property now belongs to the DuPage County Forest Preserve.



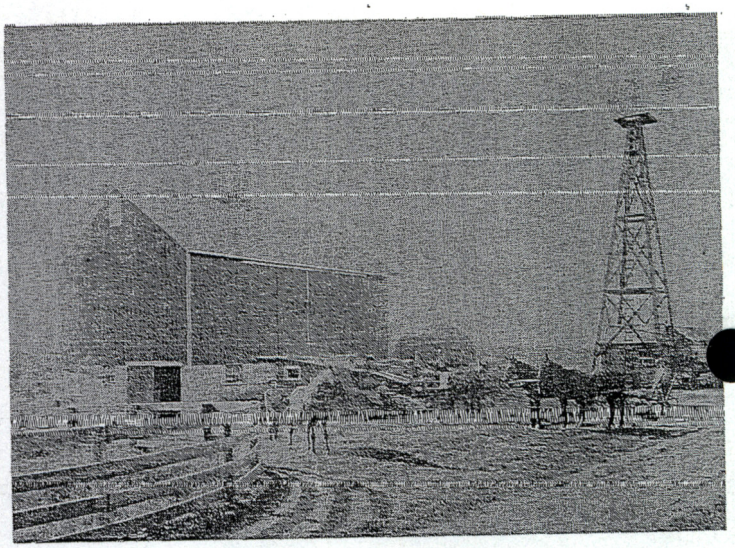
An aerial view of the John D. Meisinger farm on South Washington Street, now Old Farm Subdivision.



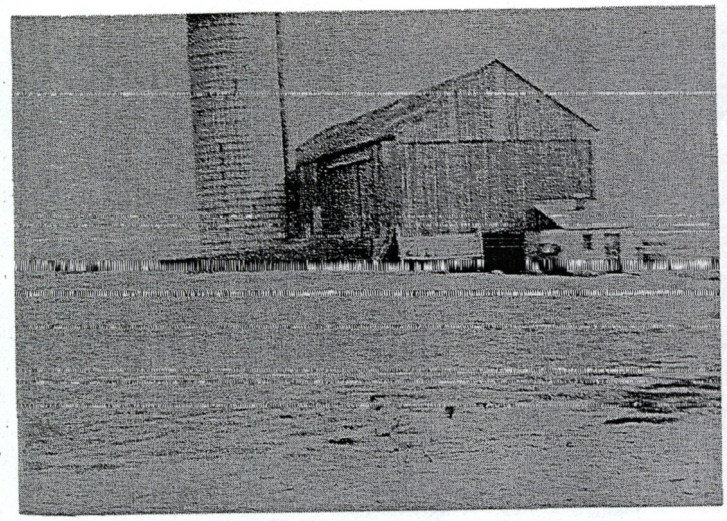
The barn on the Walter Meisinger farm on Modaff Road.



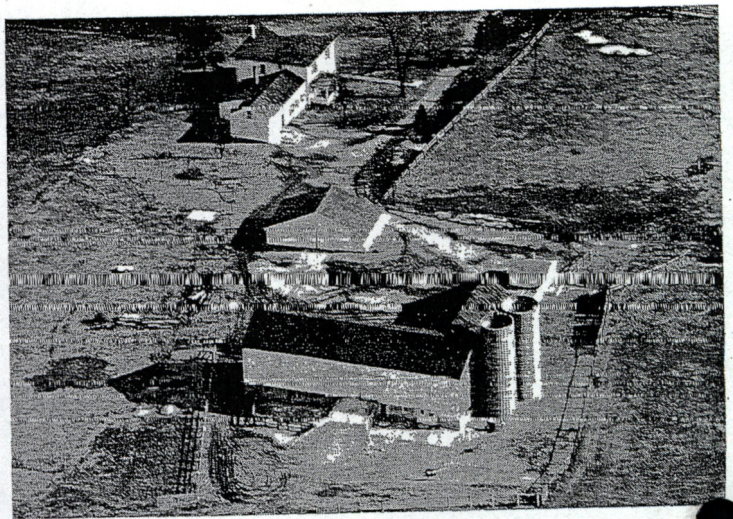
Earl Meisinger's property on Book Road as it looked before it was subdivided. The house and garage are the only buildings still standing.



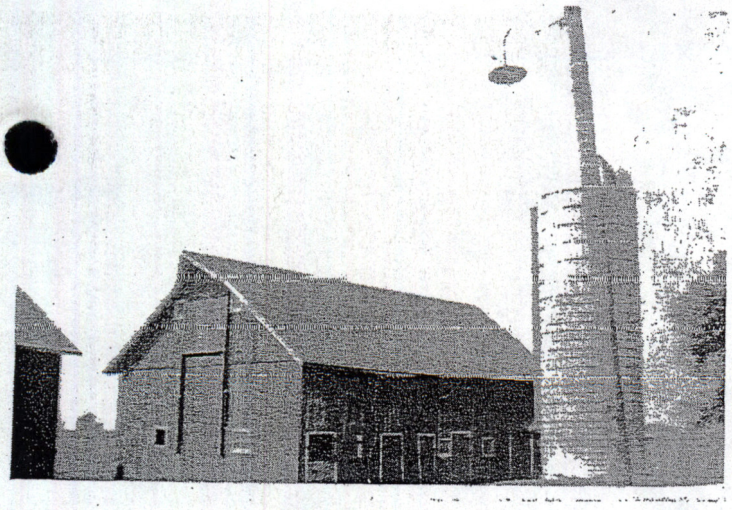
Anthony Meyer Sr. barn and barnyard located on Maple Avenue, about one mile south of Lisle, Illinois.



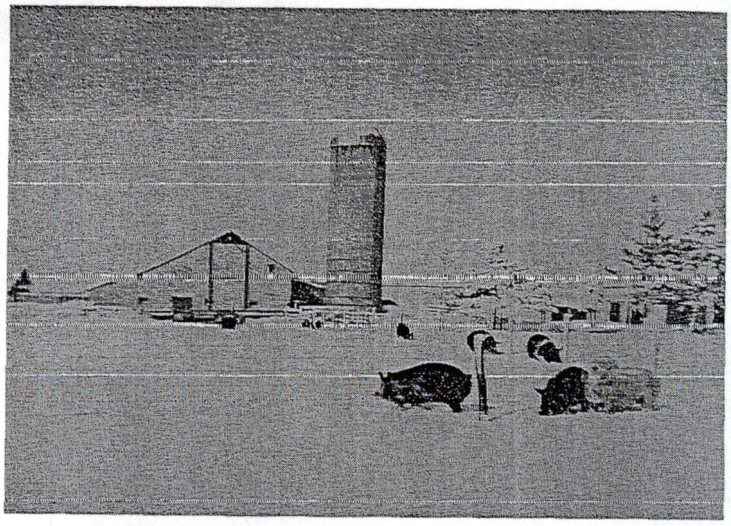
The John J. Miller barn on River Road (now Knoch Knoll Road) south of Naperville.



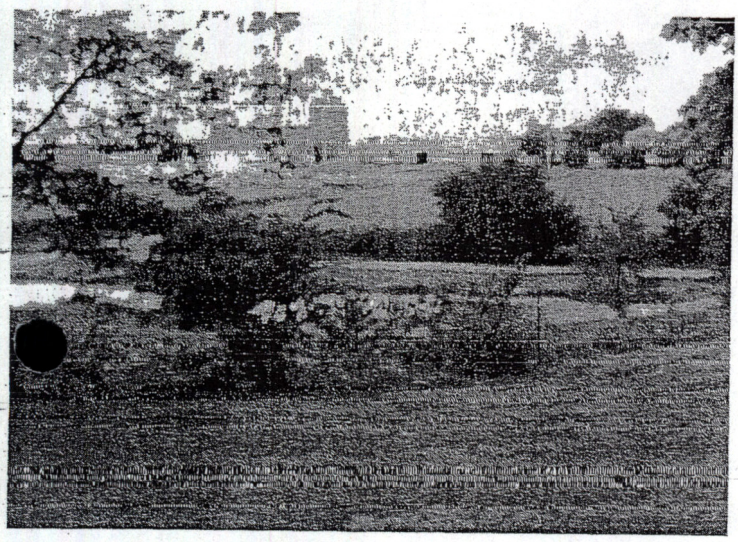
The Charlie Miller farm on the north side of Hobson Road, immediately west of the east branch of the DuPage River.



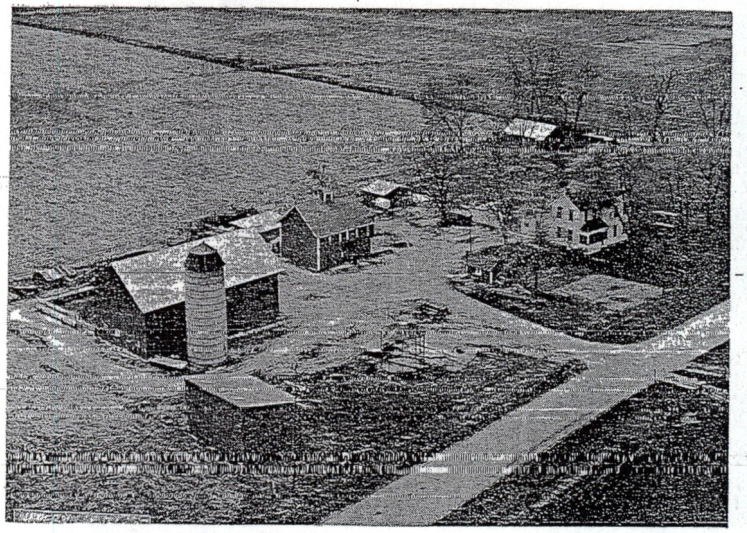
The barn on the Peter Modaff farm on the corner of Modaff Road and 75th Street.



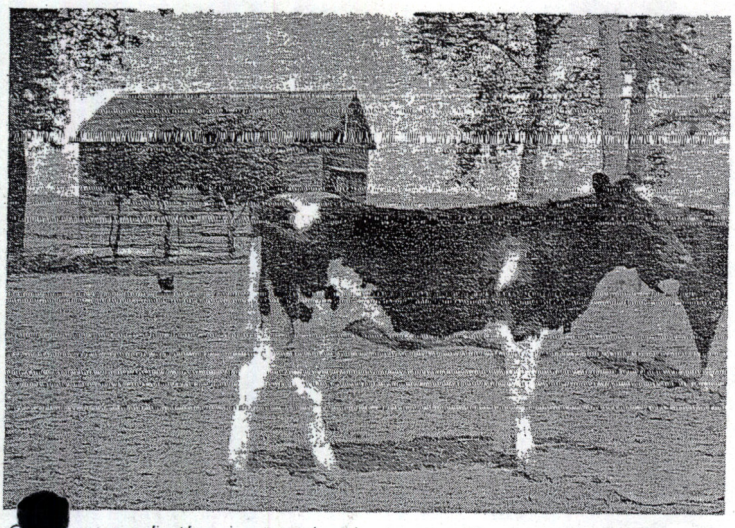
The Nick J. Modaff farm on Naperville-Plainfield Road, south of 111th Street in Wheatland Township.



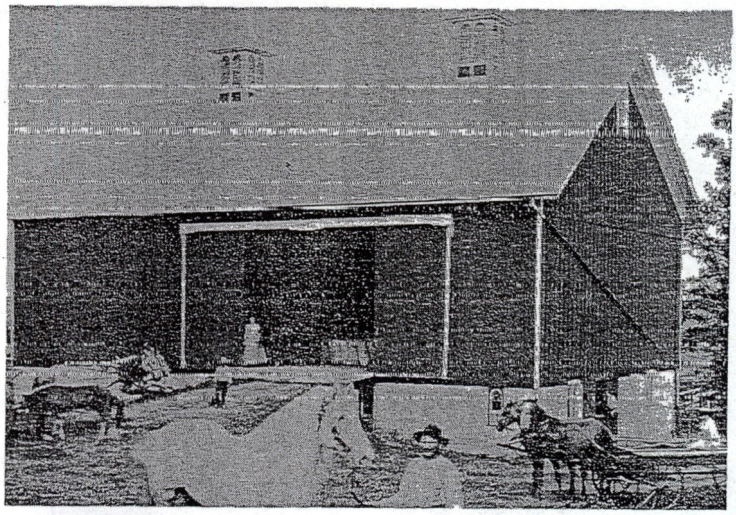
Frank Molitor Sr. and now Frank Jr. manage the Win G. Knoch farm on Knoch Knoll Road south of Naperville.



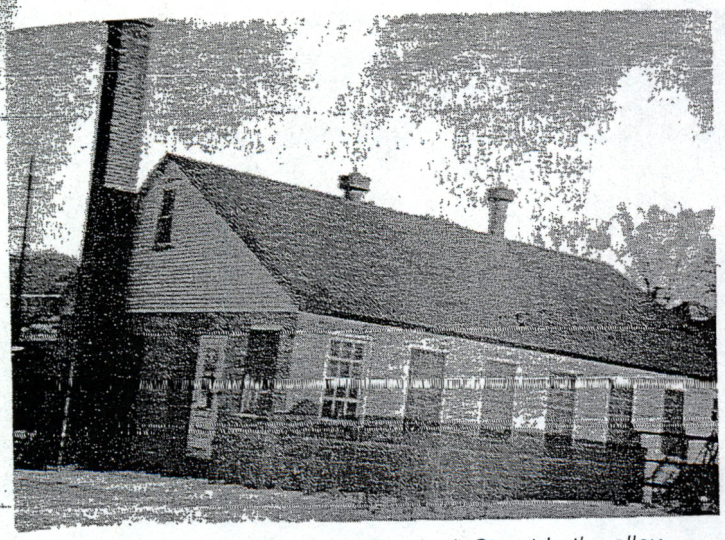
The John Murr farm six miles southeast of Naperville on Oldfield and River Roads, now named Boughton Road and Washington Street.



Cows graze in the pasture by the corn crib on the Myers farm in the Copenhagen area of Wheatland Township.



John Nadelhoffer II holding "Marquis", a Percheron stallion, in 1905 on the farm south of Lisle, botwoon Hobson Road and 75th Street, east of Route 53. Josephine, wife of John, is in the doorway of the barn, son Carlton I is in front of his mother and Mamie Nadelhoffer is on the wagon.



The Otterpohl Dairy at 12 South Ellsworth Street in the alley.

The Mungo Patterson farm on Boughton Road, east of Naperville-Plainfield Road, where the Dave Wiesbrook family now reside.

This is Mungo Patterson Farm

Warren and Frances Patterson farm on the north side of 111th Street, east of Naperville-Plainfield Road.

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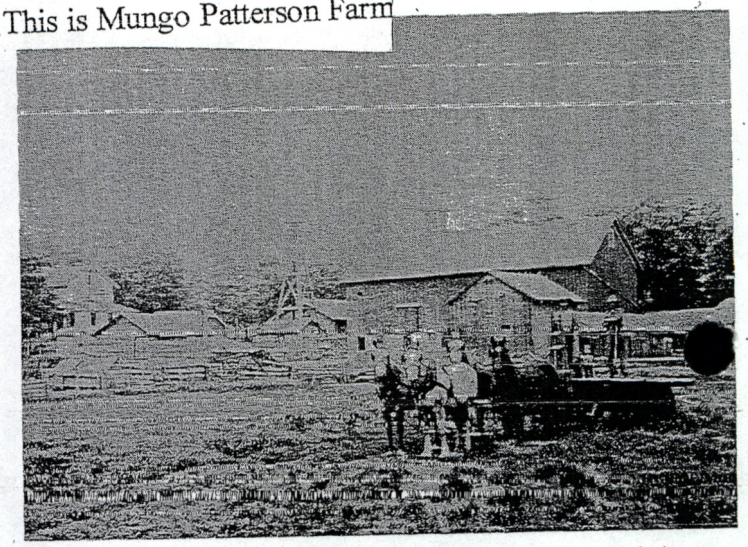
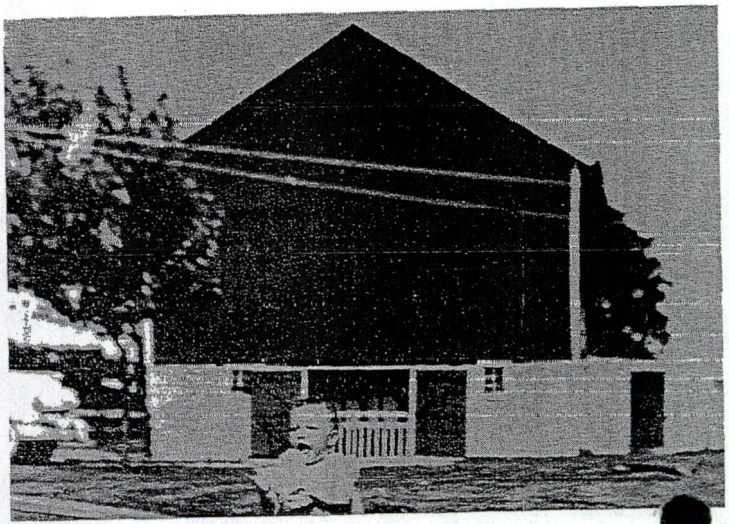


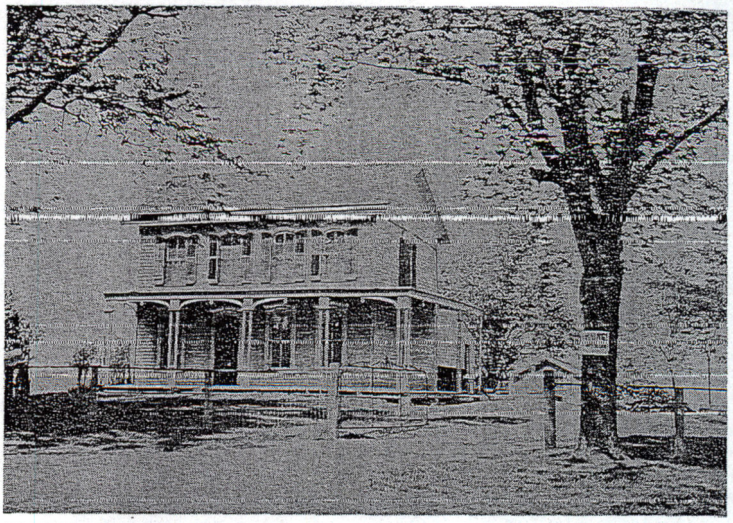
The Frank X. Riedy farm on East Chicago Ave., which is now Century Hill.

The Harold F. Rott farm on South Wehrli Road in Lisle Township, Naperville.

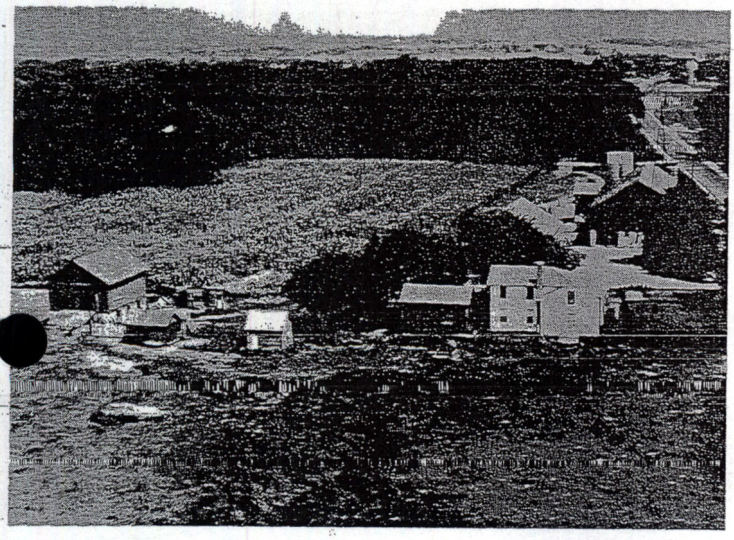


The barn on the Bernard C. Rott rented farm on 77th Street[illegible]s daughter Jayne is in the foreground.

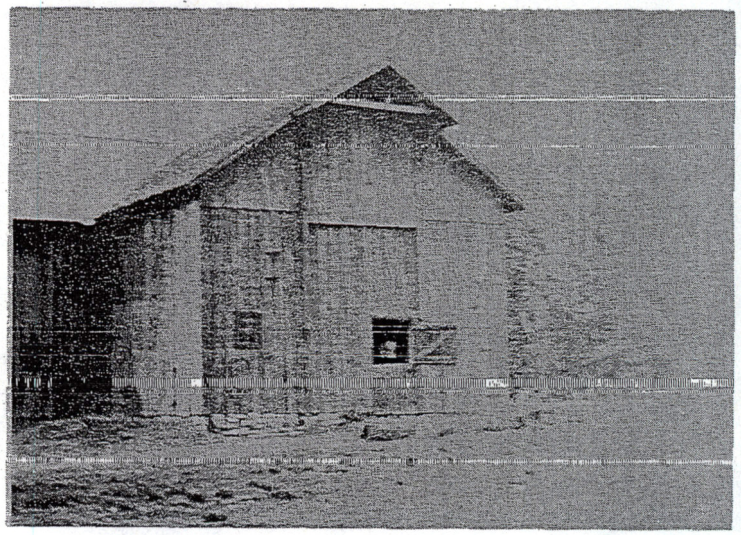
The Rapp farm operated by Ernest G. Rowe at the southwest corner of Hobson and Wehrli Roads.



The Marquis L. Sargent home on old Naperville-Wheaton Road. The boundaries were Ogden Ave. on the south, Bauer Road on the north, Brainard Street on the west and Sargents Woods (Brummel Woods) on the east.

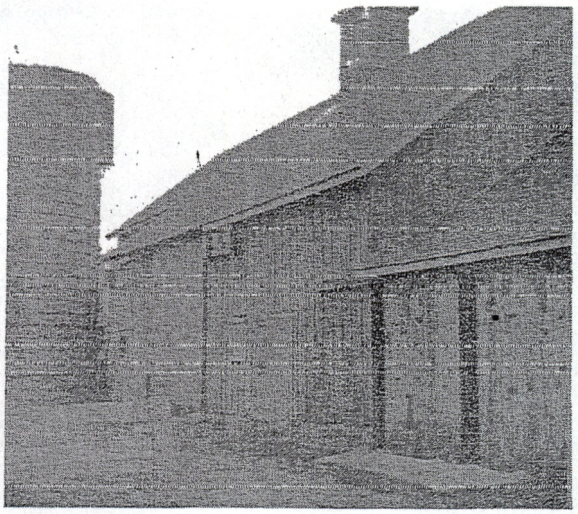


Harvey Schultz farm on the corner of Hobson and College Roads.



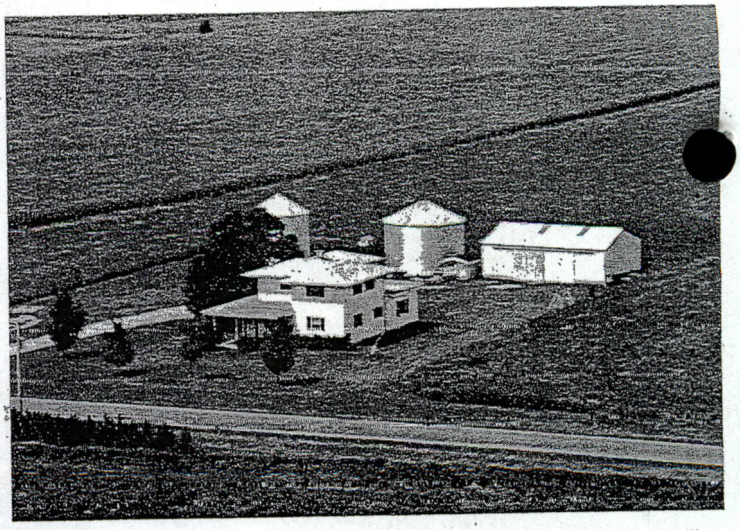
The barn on the Emil Schwerer farm on 77th Street where Camp Thunderbird is now situated.

The Frank Seiler family in front of the family home on south Green Road, ½ mile south of Hobson Road. From left are Helen Seiler, sister of Frank, Mary (Keller) Seiler, wife, Daughter Esther and Frank Seiler.

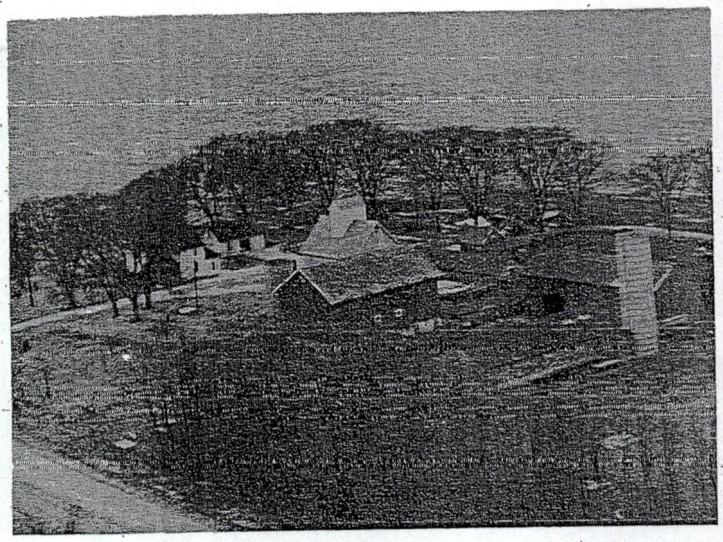


Barn on John Seppelfrick farm, second farm south of 75th Street, on the east side of Naperville-Plainfield Road.

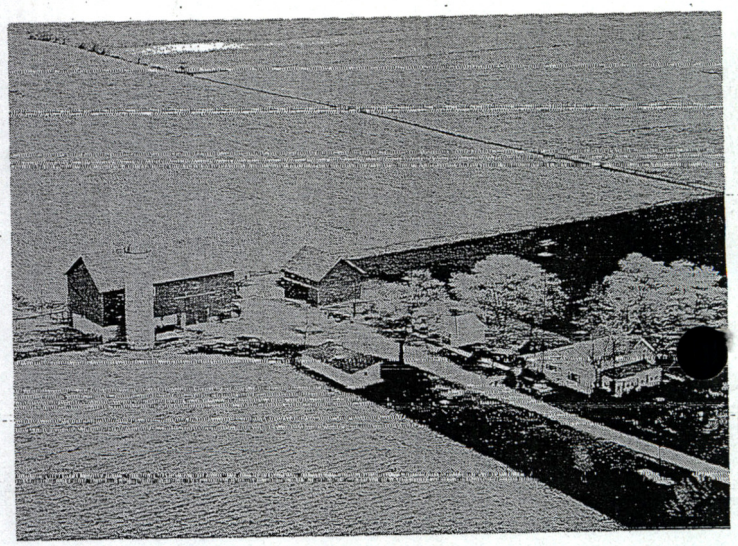
Clarence Shoger farm on Oswego Road, east of Book Road.



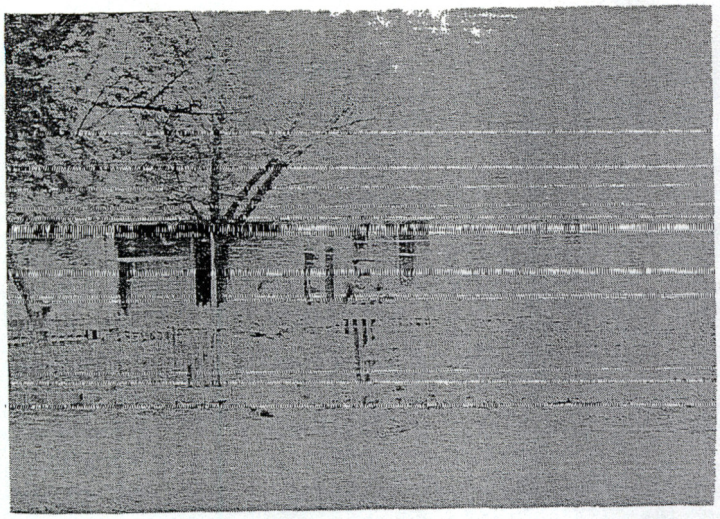
Aerial view of Jim Sikich farm on 95th Street between Naperville-Plainfield Road and Book Road.



The Herman Staffeldt farm at the southwest corner of 95th Street and Naperville-Plainfield Road in Wheatland Township.

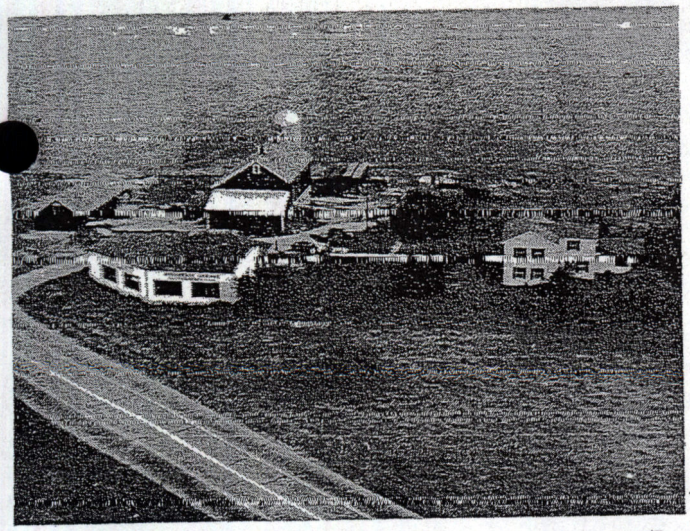


The Elmer Staffeldt farm on Barkdall Road (Naper Boulevard), the land is now Hunters Woods.

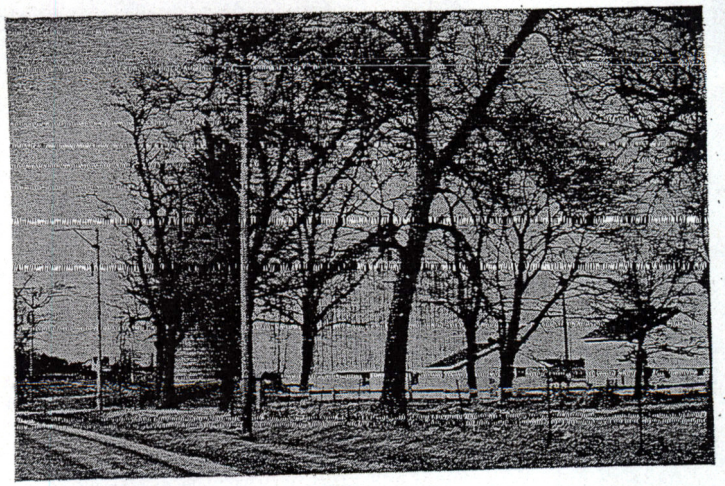


The Morris Steck family in front of their home on Modaff Road.

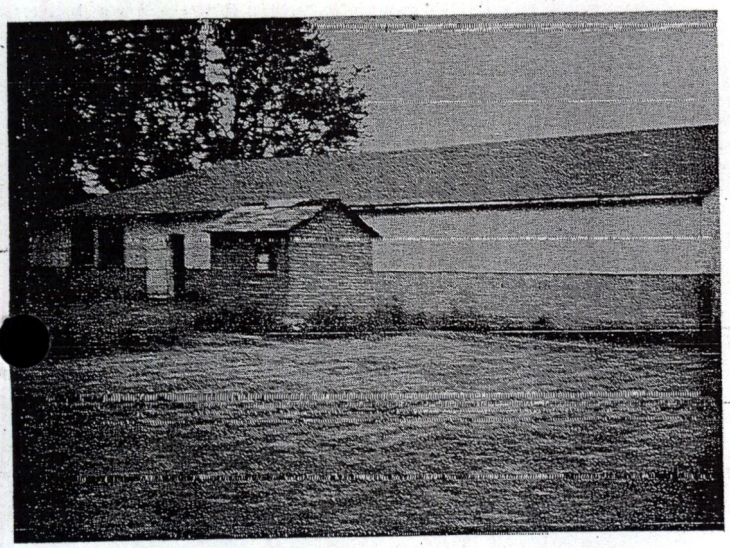
The Arthur Strubler farm on the southwest corner of 75th Street and Book Road.



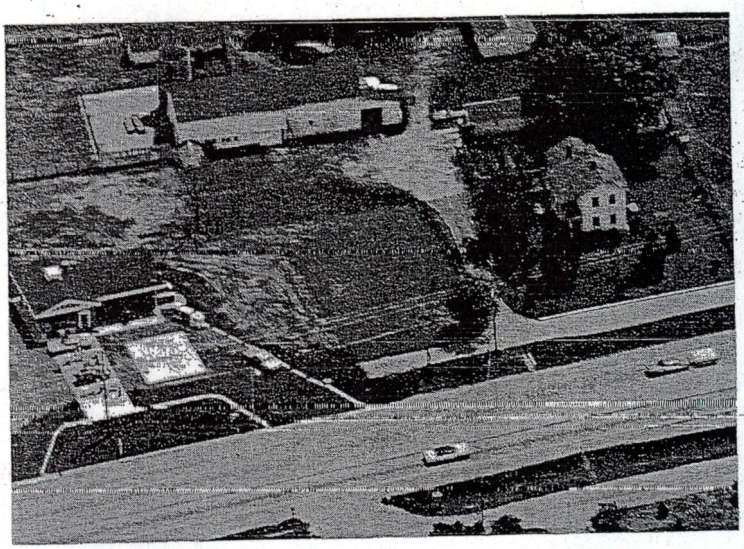
The Ollis Woodbrook Farm on Ogden Ave. and Wheaton Road where K Mart, Martone Auto Dealers, Ponderosa and Jo Jo's now stand.



Barn and Buildings on the southeast corner of Book Road and 75th Street, where Xavier Winckler farmed



Well house and barn on the Henry Wohead farm, on Olesen Lane.



The Leo Yackley farm at the corner of Routes 34 and 59.

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